

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Order Granting the Application of Applera Corporation to Withdraw its Applera Corporation-Applied Biosystems Group common stock, \$.01 par value, together with rights to purchase series A participating junior preferred stock, \$.01 par value, and Applera Corporation-Celera Genomics Group common stock, \$.01 par value, together with rights to purchase series B participating junior preferred stock, \$.01 par value, from Listing and Registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. File No. 1-04389

December 29, 2005

On November 14, 2005, Applera Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Applera Corporation-Applied Biosystems Group common stock, \$.01 par value, together with rights to purchase series A participating junior preferred stock, \$.01 par value, and Applera Corporation-Celera Genomics Group common stock, \$.01 par value, together with rights to purchase series B participating junior preferred stock, \$.01 par value (collectively "Securities"), from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX"). Notice of such application requesting comments was published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2005.³ No comments were received. As discussed below, the Commission is granting the application.

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on June 16, 2005 to withdraw the Securities from PCX. The Issuer stated that the Board determined that it is in the best interest of the Issuer and its stockholders to withdraw the Securities from PCX to avoid

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52866 (December 1, 2005), 70 FR 72865.

the direct and indirect costs associated with the listing of the Securities on PCX since the Securities are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with applicable rules of PCX by providing PCX with the required documents governing the withdrawal of securities from listing and registration on PCX. The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on PCX and shall not affect their continued listing on NYSE or their obligation to be registered under Section 12(b) of the Act.⁴

The Commission, having considered the facts stated in the application and having due regard for the public interest and protection of investors, orders that the application be, and it hereby is, granted, effective at the opening of business on December 30, 2005.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

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Secretary

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).