APPLIED DNA SCIENCES INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Bitzer John III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

APPLIED DNA SCIENCES INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[APDN]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2016

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

STONY BROOK, NY 11790

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and TransactionDerivative (Month/Day/Year) **Expiration Date** Derivative Conversion Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise Securities any

7. Title and Amount of 8

Underlying Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.05	12/20/2016		A		44,787		<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2026	Common Stock	44,787

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bitzer John III
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STONY BROOK, NY 11790

Signatures

/s/ Beth Jantzen, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These options vest in full and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to continued board membership through such date.

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