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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**APPLICA INCORPORATED**

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
SCHEDULE 14D-9  
(RULE 14d-101)  
SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**(Amendment No. 7)**

**Applica Incorporated**

(Name of Subject Company)

**Applica Incorporated**

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

**Common Stock, Par Value \$0.10 Per Share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**03815A106**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

**Harry D. Schulman**

**Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer**

**Applica Incorporated**

**3633 Flamingo Road**

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### **PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT**

This Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 originally filed by Applica with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 19, 2006, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 14D-9, which was filed by Applica with the SEC on December 21, 2006, by Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 14D-9, which was filed by Applica with the SEC on December 22, 2006, by Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 14D-9, which was filed by Applica with the SEC on December 28, 2006, by Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 14D-9, which was also filed by Applica with the SEC on December 28, 2006, by Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 14D-9, which was filed by Applica with the SEC on January 4, 2007, and by Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 14D-9, which was also filed by Applica with the SEC on January 4, 2007. Except as otherwise indicated, the information set forth in the original Schedule 14D-9 and previous amendments thereto remains unchanged. Capitalized terms that appear herein but are not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the original Schedule 14D-9.

### **IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION**

This document has been made available to shareholders of Applica. Investors are urged to read the original Schedule 14D-9, as amended by Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 thereto and this Amendment No. 7, as it contains important information. The original Schedule 14D-9, as amended, and other public filings made from time to time by Applica with the SEC are available without charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, the documents filed with the SEC may be obtained free of charge by directing such requests to Applica Incorporated, 3633 Flamingo Road, Miramar, Florida 33027, Attention: Investor Relations (954) 883-1000, or from Applica's website at [www.applicainc.com](http://www.applicainc.com).

#### **Item 2. Identity and Background of Filing Person.**

The first paragraph of Item 2(b) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

(b) This Statement relates to the tender offer by Apex Acquisition Corporation, or NACCO Sub, which is a newly formed Florida corporation and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc., or NACCO, which is a Delaware corporation, to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Applica's common stock at a purchase price of \$7.90 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest. The tender offer is being made on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and the exhibits thereto filed by NACCO and NACCO Sub with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2006, as amended by NACCO and NACCO Sub on December 18, 2006, December 21, 2006, December 26, 2006, January 3, 2007, and January 9, 2007. The value of the consideration offered, together with all of the terms and conditions applicable to the tender offer, is referred to in this Statement as the NACCO offer. The Schedule TO states that NACCO intends, as soon as practicable after successful completion of the NACCO offer, to seek to have NACCO Sub merge with and into Applica in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act, or the FBCA.

#### **Item 3. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.**

The first paragraph under the subheading "Cash Consideration Payable Pursuant to the NACCO Offer" in Item 3(a) is hereby amended as follows:

The amount \$21,343,383.75 in the last line of such paragraph is replaced with the amount \$21,756,481.50.

The third paragraph under the subheading "Cash Consideration Payable Pursuant to the NACCO Offer" in Item 3(a) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

As of November 27, 2006, Applica's directors and executive officers held options to purchase 842,500 shares of Applica's common stock, 623,667 of which were vested and exercisable as of that date. The outstanding options have exercise prices ranging from \$2.86 to \$31.6875 and an aggregate weighted average exercise price of \$5.08 per share. Of the total options outstanding as of November 27, 2006, options to purchase 772,000 shares of Applica's common stock had exercise prices that were less than NACCO's \$7.90 offer price, 549,667 of which were vested and exercisable as of November 27, 2006. The weighted average exercise price of these "in the money" options was \$4.32. All of the unvested options would fully vest upon the consummation of the NACCO offer pursuant to the terms of Applica's 1988 Directors Stock Option Plan, 1992 Employees' Incentive Stock Option Plan, 1996 Stock Option Plan, the 1998 Stock Option Plan and the 2000 Stock Option Plan.



**Item 4. The Solicitation or Recommendation.**

Item 4(a) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

The Applica board has not changed its recommendation that Applica shareholders vote FOR the adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 19, 2006, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, dated as of December 14, 2006, Amendment No. 2 thereto, dated as of December 22, 2006, Amendment No. 3 thereto, dated as of December 27, 2006, and by Amendment No. 4 thereto, dated as of January 3, 2007, among Applica and certain affiliates of Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., which are collectively referred to in this statement as Harbinger.

The NACCO offer is under review by the Applica board and Applica will advise its shareholders of the results of that review as soon as possible. Applica requests that its shareholders defer making a determination whether to accept or reject such amended NACCO offer until they have been advised of the Applica board's position.

The Applica board recommends that, even if a shareholder does not vote with respect to the Harbinger merger agreement at this time, that such shareholder vote FOR the proposal to adjourn or postpone the special meeting of Applica's shareholders, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient shares present or represented at the meeting to constitute a quorum or insufficient votes at the time of the meeting to adopt the Harbinger merger agreement or because the board, in its judgment, determines that an adjournment is required by law or is otherwise in the best interests of Applica and its shareholders. The ability to adjourn or postpone the special meeting will give the Applica board the flexibility to preserve the existing transaction with Harbinger should the vote not be obtained by January 17, 2007.

Item 4(b) is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following paragraphs as the final paragraphs thereto:

On January 9, 2007, NACCO publicly announced that it had increased the per share offer price of the NACCO offer to \$7.90, net to the seller in cash, without interest, and amended the Schedule TO accordingly. In accordance with the terms of the Harbinger merger agreement, Applica promptly notified Harbinger on January 9, 2007 of NACCO's amended offer price.

On January 9, 2007, the Applica board held a meeting and discussed the offers from NACCO and Harbinger and its obligations under the Harbinger merger agreement. The meeting was attended by Applica's senior management and legal and financial advisors, as well as a representative of the Applica board's independent legal counsel. At the meeting, the Applica board also discussed with the legal advisors the provisions of the Harbinger merger agreement relating to competing transactions. During the evening of January 9, 2007, Applica sent NACCO a letter reiterating the board's determination that NACCO's offer, as currently structured, fails to provide sufficient certainty of completion and demanding that NACCO inform the board not later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 11, 2007, whether it is willing to amend its offer to remedy these concerns.

During the evening on January 9, 2007, Applica notified Harbinger's legal advisor in writing that the Applica board had taken these steps.

Applica convened the special meeting at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 10, 2007, as previously scheduled, and adjourned the special meeting until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, without a vote on any proposal other than an adjournment. The proposal to adopt the Harbinger merger agreement will be submitted to a vote of Applica's shareholders at the reconvened meeting. The reconvened meeting will have the same record date of November 27, 2006.

Item 4(c) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

The Applica board has not changed its recommendation that Applica shareholders vote FOR the adoption of the Harbinger merger agreement.

The NACCO offer is under review by Applica's board of directors and Applica will advise its shareholders of the results of that review as soon as possible. Applica requests that its shareholders defer making a determination whether to accept or reject such amended NACCO offer until they have been advised of the Applica board's position.

The Applica board reserves the right to revise its recommendation in the event of changed circumstances, if any. Any such change in the recommendation of the Applica board will be communicated to shareholders as promptly as practicable in the event that such a determination is reached.





Applica shareholders who have voted FOR adoption of the adoption of the Harbinger merger agreement can change their vote at any time prior to the special meeting on January 17, 2007 by:

1. Delivering a written notice to the corporate secretary of Applica before such special meeting that states that he or she revokes his or her proxy;
2. Delivering a signed and later dated new proxy card before such special meeting in accordance with the instructions included with the proxy card; or
3. Attending the special meeting and voting in person.

Applica shareholders retain the ability to tender their shares into the NACCO offer irrespective of whether or not they choose to revoke a previously executed proxy until January 23, 2007.

**Item 8. Additional Information.**

Item 8(a) is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following new paragraph as the final paragraph under the Litigation heading:

On January 10, 2007, NACCO voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, its complaint against Applica, Harbinger Capital Partners and certain of its affiliates, filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

**Item 9. Exhibits.**

Item 9 is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

**Exhibit  
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**Document**

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| (a)(1)                 | Letter to Applica's shareholders dated December 19, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit (a)(1) of Applica's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed with the SEC on December 19, 2006)   |
| (a)(2)                 | Press release issued by Applica on December 19, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit (a)(2) of Applica's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed with the SEC on December 19, 2006)*  |
| (a)(3)                 | Applica's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A relating to the Special Meeting of Shareholders to consider the Harbinger merger, as supplemented on December 15, 2006, December 22, 2006, December 28, 2006 and January 5, 2007 (filed with the SEC on December 4, 2006, as supplemented on December 15, 2006, December 22, 2006, December 28, 2006 and January 5, 2007, and incorporated by reference) |
| (a)(4)                 | Press release issued by Applica on December 21, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.1 of Applica's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 21, 2006)*   |
| (a)(5)                 | Letter to Applica's shareholders dated December 22, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit (a)(5) of Amendment No. 2 to Applica's Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9/A filed with the SEC on December 22, 2006)   |
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- (a)(8) Press release issued by Applica on December 27, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.1 of Applica s Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 27, 2006)\*
- (a)(9) Press release issued by Applica on December 28, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Applica s Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on December 28, 2006)\*
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- (a)(11) Letter to Applica s shareholders dated January 4, 2007 (incorporated by reference to exhibit (a)(11) of Amendment No. 6 to Applica s Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9/A filed with the SEC on January 4, 2007)

- (a)(12) Press release issued by Applica on January 4, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Applica's Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on January 4, 2007)
- (a)(13) Press release issued by Applica on January 9, 2007+
- (a)(14) Press release issued by Applica on January 10, 2007+
- (e)(1) Excerpts from Applica's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed March 31, 2006 relating to the Applica 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (incorporated by reference to exhibit (e)(1) of Applica's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed with the SEC on December 19, 2006)
- (e)(2) Excerpts from Applica's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed relating to the Special Meeting of Shareholders to consider Applica's proposed merger with Harbinger Capital Partners (incorporated by reference to exhibit (e)(2) of Applica's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed with the SEC on December 19, 2006)
- (e)(3) Employment Agreement dated May 1, 2004 between Applica and Harry D. Schulman (incorporated by reference to Applica's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 15, 2004)
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- (e)(10) Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 19, 2006 by and among APN Holding Company, Inc., APN Mergersub, Inc., and Applica Incorporated (incorporated by reference to exhibit 2.1 of Applica's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 20, 2006)
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- (e)(14) Excerpts from the Third Supplement to Applica s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on December 28, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit (e)(14) of Amendment No. 3 to Applica s Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed with the SEC on December 28, 2006)
- (e)(15) Amendment No. 4, dated January 3, 2007, to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 19, 2006 by and among APN Holding Company, Inc., APN Mergersub, Inc., and Applica Incorporated (incorporated by reference to exhibit 2.1 of Applica s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2007)
- (e)(16) Excerpts from the Fourth Supplement to Applica s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on January 5, 2007 (incorporated by reference to exhibit (e)(16) of Amendment No. 6 to Applica s Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9/A filed with the SEC on January 5, 2007)
- (g) Inapplicable

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+ Filed as an exhibit hereto and included in the Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 14D-9

mailed to  
Applica s  
shareholders.

**SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Amendment No. 7 is true, complete and correct.

January 10, 2007

APPLICA INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Harry D. Schulman

Name: Harry D. Schulman

Title: Chairman of the Board, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Amendment No. 4, dated January 3, 2007, to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 19, 2006 by and among APN Holding Company, Inc., APN Mergersub, Inc., and Applica Incorporated (incorporated by reference to exhibit 2.1 of Applica's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2007)

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+ Filed as an exhibit hereto and included in the Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 14D-9 mailed to Applica's shareholders.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact:** Investor Relations Department  
(954) 883-1000  
investor.relations@applicamail.com

**SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO APPROVE MERGER AGREEMENT TO BE  
ADJOURNED AND RECONVENED ON JANUARY 17, 2007**

**Miramar, Florida** (January 9, 2007) Applica Incorporated (NYSE: APN) today announced that it will convene the special meeting at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 10, 2007, as previously scheduled, and adjourn the special meeting until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, without a vote on any proposal other than an adjournment. The proposals to be considered at the special meeting will be submitted to a vote of Applica's shareholders at the reconvened meeting at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 17, 2007. The record date for the reconvened meeting will remain November 27, 2006.

The decision to adjourn the meeting followed an increase to \$7.90 per share of the price of the unsolicited tender offer to purchase all outstanding shares of Applica's common stock that was commenced by Apex Acquisition Corporation, a newly formed Florida corporation and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc.

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Applica and its subsidiaries are marketers and distributors of a broad range of branded and private-label small household appliances. Applica markets and distributes kitchen products, home products, pest control products, pet care products and personal care products. Applica markets products under licensed brand names, such as Black & Decker®; its own brand names, such as Windmere®, LitterMaid®, Belson® and Applica®; and other private-label brand names. Applica's customers include mass merchandisers, specialty retailers and appliance distributors primarily in North America, Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean. Additional information about Applica is available at [www.applicainc.com](http://www.applicainc.com).

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Applica Incorporated and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of Applica management may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Applica shareholders with respect to the proposed transaction. Information regarding the interests of these officers and directors in the proposed transaction has been included in the proxy statement filed with the SEC. In addition, information about Applica's directors, executive officers and members of management is contained in Applica's most recent proxy statement and annual report on Form 10-K, which are available on Applica's website and at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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**Special Meeting of Applica s Shareholders to  
Reconvene on January 17, 2007**

**Miramar, Florida** (January 10, 2007) Applica Incorporated (NYSE: APN) today announced that, as previously planned and announced, its special meeting of shareholders scheduled to be held at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time today to vote on the merger agreement with affiliates of Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. and Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (together, Harbinger Capital Partners ) was convened and adjourned until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 17, 2007, without a vote on any proposal other than the adjournment. The proposal to adopt the Harbinger Capital Partners merger agreement, under which Harbinger Capital Partners would acquire all outstanding shares of Applica that it does not currently own for \$7.75 per share in cash, without interest, will be submitted to a vote of Applica s shareholders at the reconvened meeting at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 17, 2007, subject to any further adjournment. The record date for the reconvened meeting will remain November 27, 2006.

The decision to adjourn the meeting followed an increase to \$7.90 per share of the price of the unsolicited tender offer to purchase all outstanding shares of Applica s common stock that was commenced by Apex Acquisition Corporation, a newly formed Florida corporation and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc.

The Applica board has not changed its recommendation that Applica shareholders vote FOR the adoption of the merger agreement between Applica and affiliates of Harbinger Capital Partners. The amended NACCO offer is under review by Applica s board of directors and Applica will advise its shareholders of the results of that review as soon as possible. Applica requests that its shareholders defer making a determination whether to accept or reject such amended NACCO offer until they have been advised of the Applica board s position.

Shareholders may submit their proxies to vote their shares on the proposals until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 17, 2007. In order to vote their shares in favor of the Harbinger Capital Partners agreement, shareholders should complete, date, sign and return the proxy card enclosed with the previously distributed definitive proxy statement as soon as possible. Shareholders who have any questions about the definitive proxy statement, the proxy supplements thereto, the Schedule 14d-9 recommendation statement, the amendments thereto, the amended merger agreement or the merger, or who need assistance with the voting procedures, should contact Applica s proxy solicitor, Georgeson Inc., at 17 State Street, New York, New York 10004 or call toll-free at (866) 857-2624.

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The Harbinger Capital Partners investment team located in New York City manages in excess of \$4 billion in capital through two complementary strategies. Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. is focused on restructurings, liquidations, event-driven situations, turnarounds and capital structure arbitrage, including both long and short positions in highly leveraged and financially distressed companies. Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. is focused on distressed debt securities, special situation equities and private loans/notes in a predominantly long-only strategy.

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The statements contained in this news release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made subject to certain risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those presented in these forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Applica undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof. Among the factors that could cause plans, actions and results to differ materially from current expectations are, without limitation:

the failure to obtain approval of the merger from Applica shareholders;

disruption from the merger making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers;

claims by NACCO Industries, Inc. and HB-PS Holding Company, Inc. related to the termination of their merger agreement with Applica;

changes in the sales prices, product mix or levels of consumer purchases of small household appliances;

bankruptcy of or loss of major retail customers or suppliers;

changes in costs, including transportation costs, of raw materials, key component parts or sourced products;

fluctuation of the Chinese currency;

delays in delivery or the unavailability of raw materials, key component parts or sourced products;

changes in suppliers;

exchange rate fluctuations, changes in the foreign import tariffs and monetary policies, and other changes in the regulatory climate in the foreign countries in which Applica buys, operates and/or sell products;

product liability, regulatory actions or other litigation, warranty claims or returns of products;

customer acceptance of changes in costs of, or delays in the development of new products;

increased competition, including consolidation within the industry; and

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