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APPLICA INC  
Form SC 13D  
May 17, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13d-2(a)  
(Amendment No. )

Applica Incorporated

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

03815A106

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(CUSIP Number)

Joel Piassick  
One Riverchase Parkway South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35244

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 10, 2006

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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CUSIP No. 03815A106  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

WC

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

6,000,000

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,000,000

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,000,000

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

24.7%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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Delaware

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Philip Falcone

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Raymond J. Harbert

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

Applica Incorporated (the "Issuer"), Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (the "Shares")

The address of the issuer is 3633 Flamingo Road, Miramar, Florida 33027.

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Item 2. Identity and Background.



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(a-c,f) This Schedule 13D is being filed by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("Harbinger Management"), the investment manager of the Master Fund, HMC Investors, L.L.C., its managing member ("HMC Investors"), Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), the managing member of HMC Investors, Philip Falcone, a member of HMC and the portfolio manager of the Master Fund, Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC (each of the Master Fund, Harbinger Management, HMC Investors, HMC, Philip Falcone, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce may be referred to herein as a "Reporting Person" and collectively may be referred to as "Reporting Persons").

The Master Fund is a Cayman Islands corporation with its principal business address at c/o International Fund Services (Ireland) Limited, Third Floor, Bishop's Square, Redmond's Hill, Dublin 2, Ireland. Each of Harbinger Management and HMC Investors is a Delaware limited liability company. HMC is an Alabama corporation. Each of Philip Falcone, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce is a United States citizen. The principal business address for Philip Falcone is 555 Madison Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The principal business address for each of HMC Management, HMC Investors, HMC, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce is One Riverchase Parkway South, Birmingham, Alabama 35244.

(d) None of Philip Falcone, Raymond J. Harbert or Michael D. Luce has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Reporting Persons have, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding were or are subject to a judgement, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

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### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

As of the date hereof the Master Fund may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

As of the date hereof HMC Management may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

As of the date hereof HMC Investors may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

As of the date hereof HMC may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

As of the date hereof Philip Falcone may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

As of the date hereof Raymond J. Harbert may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

As of the date hereof Michael D. Luce may be deemed to beneficially own 6,000,000 Shares.

No borrowed funds were used to purchase the Shares, other than any borrowed funds used for working capital purposes in the ordinary course of business.

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### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Shares held by the Reporting Persons were acquired for, and are being held for, investment purposes only. The acquisitions of the Shares were made in the

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ordinary course of the Reporting Persons' business or investment activities, as the case may be.

The Reporting Persons have no plan or proposal which relates to, or would result in, any of the actions enumerated in Item 4 of the instructions to Schedule 13D.

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### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, the Master Fund may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

The Master Fund has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, HMC Management may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

HMC Management has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

HMC Management specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the Shares reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, HMC Investors may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

HMC Investors has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

HMC Investors specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the Shares reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, HMC may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

HMC as the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

HMC specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the Shares reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, Philip Falcone may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

Mr. Falcone has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

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Mr. Falcone specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the Shares reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, Raymond J. Harbert may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

Mr. Harbert has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

Mr. Harbert specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the Shares reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(a, b) As of the date hereof, Michael D. Luce may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,000,000 Shares, constituting 24.7% of the Shares of the Issuer, based upon 24,334,569 Shares estimated to be outstanding.

Mr. Luce has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 Shares; has the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 6,000,000 Shares; has sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 Shares; and has shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 6,000,000 Shares.

Mr. Luce specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the Shares reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(c) The trading dates, number of Shares purchased and sold and price per share for all transactions in the Shares in the past 60 days by the Reporting Persons are set forth in Exhibit B.

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Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

N/A.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A: Agreement between the Reporting Persons to file jointly

Exhibit B: Schedule of Transactions in the Shares of the Issuer

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### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd.

By: HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C.

By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member

By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick

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HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C.  
By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member

By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick  
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HMC Investors, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick  
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Harbert Management Corporation

By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick  
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/s/ Philip Falcone  
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Philip Falcone

/s/ Raymond J. Harbert  
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Raymond J. Harbert

/s/ Michael D. Luce  
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Michael D. Luce

May 17, 2006

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13D dated May 17, 2006 relating to the Common Stock, \$0.10 par value of Applica Incorporated shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd.

By: HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C.

By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member

By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick  
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HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C.

By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member

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HMC Investors, L.L.C.

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By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick  
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Harbert Management Corporation

By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick  
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/s/ Philip Falcone  
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Philip Falcone

/s/ Raymond J. Harbert  
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Raymond J. Harbert

/s/ Michael D. Luce  
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Michael D. Luce

May 17, 2006

Exhibit B

TRANSACTIONS BY HARBERT DISTRESSED INVESTMENT MASTER FUND

Transactions in the Common Stock, \$0.10 par value  
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Date of Transaction	Number of Shares Purchase/ (Sold)	Price of Shares
2/24/06	191,350	\$1.73
2/27/06	290,150	\$1.93
2/28/06	228,135	\$2.08
3/1/06	107,500	\$2.12
3/2/06	44,170	\$2.29
3/2/06	157,065	\$2.42
3/3/06	300,000	\$2.52
3/6/06	81,450	\$2.52
3/7/06	145,310	\$2.53
3/8/06	240,750	\$2.55
3/9/06	173,250	\$2.21
3/10/06	120,200	\$2.32
3/13/06	82,400	\$2.54
3/14/06	59,100	\$2.52
3/15/06	103,900	\$2.89
3/21/06	15,000	\$2.57
4/4/06	1,400,000	\$3.24
4/20/06	44,900	\$3.60
4/20/06	648,400	\$3.40
4/28/06	162,000	\$3.91
5/2/06	75,270	\$3.80
5/3/06	102,700	\$3.85
5/10/06	1,227,000	\$4.25

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