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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
101 INNOVATION DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/29/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP, WW Ops & Engineering

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/29/2009		A	30,000 (1)	A 41,832	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2009		M	5,000	A \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2009		M	3,750	A \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2009		F	2,144 (4)	D \$ 15.38	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2009		F	1,352 (4)	D \$ 15.38	D	



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achieved the performance metric for fiscal year 2008.

- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock at no cost.
- (3) Includes 1,297 shares acquired under Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released January 30, 2009.
- (5) Includes common stock and performance-based restricted stock units subject to vesting over a period of time.
- (6) The RSU Award shares shall vest and become subject to release over a four (4) year period measured from the date of Award, provided that the Insider continues to serve as an employee on such dates.

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