

PAPA GEORGE A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PAPA GEORGE A

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/31/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 07/31/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 6,000   | A  | \$ 0 8,108  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 2,801<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 27.72 5,307  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 14,000  | A  | \$ 0 19,307   | D |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 6,536<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 27.72 12,771                                       | D |

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |        |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit          | (2)  | 07/31/2010                           |  | M                              | 14,000  | (3)  | (3)   | Common Stock               | 14,000 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)                | (2)  | 07/31/2010                           |  | M                              | 6,000   | (3)  | (3)   | Common Stock               | 6,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| PAPA GEORGE A<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | Sr VP, Worldwide Sales |       |

## Signatures

George A. Papa                      08/03/2010  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Share withheld to cover tax withholding on RSU shares released on July 31, 2010.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 3/2/2009 became vested on July 31, 2010 and shares were delivered to (3) the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to vest annually.

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