

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 30, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 30, 2012

ALTERA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-16617 (Commission File Number)	77-0016691 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)	95134 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b)

On August 29, 2012, Jordan S. Plofsky, an executive officer of Altera Corporation, announced his retirement from the semiconductor industry. Mr. Plofsky's last day of employment at Altera will be September 14, 2012.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALTERA CORPORATION

/s/ Katherine E. Schuelke

Katherine E. Schuelke  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated : August 30, 2012