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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hata William

(Middle) (First)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/19/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Sr VP, WW Ops & Engineering 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Date** Title Amoun Exercisable or Numbe of Shar Restricted Common 12.60 02/19/2020(2) Stock Unit \$ 0 (1) 02/19/2010 A 12,600 (3) Stock (RSU)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hata William

101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP, WW Ops & Engineering

Signatures

William Hata 02/23/2010

**Signature of Person Date

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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (2) Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the other terms of the RSU agreement, twenty-five percent of the Restricted Stock Unit shall vest each year beginning July 31, 2011. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on each vest date.
- Represents a grant of Restricted Stock Units subject only to service-vesting requirements. Does not include performance-based restricted (3) stock units, if any, held by the reporting person for which a certification has not yet been made regarding the achievement of the applicable performance goals. Any such grants will be reported on Form 4 within two business days of the date such certification is made.

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