

BERLAN DENIS  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BERLAN DENIS**

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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/18/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President & COO / Executive Vice President & COO**

(Street)  
**SAN JOSE, CA 95134**

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

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

(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)			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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>		9,500	A \$ 13.0157	475,142	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>		9,500	D \$ 20.05	465,642	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M <sup>(3)</sup>		19,000	A \$ 7.6407	484,642	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>		19,000	D \$ 20.05	465,642	D	
Common Stock							13,280	I	by Son

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.6407	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M	19,000	02/01/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/12/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M	9,500	02/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/16/2008	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERLAN DENIS 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Executive Vice President & COO	Executive Vice President & COO

## Signatures

By: Fedenia Presa by Pwr Attny For: Denis M. Berlan 12/20/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting 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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/16/1998.

(2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

(3) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/12/1997.

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