LYMAN KEVIN H Form 4 May 09, 2012

## 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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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

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obligations

may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* LYMAN KEVIN H

(First)

(Street)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012

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) below)

Sr VP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securit** Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of			
				Code V	(A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.31 (1)	05/07/2012		A	16,268	(2)	05/07/2022	Common Stock	16,2
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(3)	05/07/2012		A	12,807	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	12,8

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships	
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LYMAN KEVIN H 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP, Human Resources

### **Signatures**

KEVIN H LYMAN 05/09/2012

\*\*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) The per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an option shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.
- (2) Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on May 14, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the shares will commence vesting on May 14, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on such vest date

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