

DAANE JOHN

Form 4

November 05, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAANE JOHN

(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)
11/04/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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)
Common Stock	11/04/2010		M	100,000	A \$ 22.49	486,881	D
Common Stock	11/04/2010		S	100,000	D \$ (1) 32.8848	386,881	D
Common Stock	11/04/2010		M	100,000	A \$ 22.49	486,881	D
Common Stock	11/04/2010		S	100,000	D \$ (2) 32.8816	386,881	D
	11/05/2010		M	100,000	A \$ 22.49	486,881	D

Common
Stock

Common Stock	11/05/2010	S	100,000	D	\$ 33.0638	386,881 ⁽⁴⁾	D
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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 Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.49	11/04/2010		M	100,000	12/03/2005 12/03/2011	Common Stock
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DAANE JOHN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	President and CEO

Signatures

John Daane	11/05/2010
<u> </u> 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) The 100,000 shares were sold in 15 lots ranging from 100 shares to 67,098 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$32.76 and \$32.92.
- (2) The 100,000 shares were sold in 27 lots ranging from 100 shares to 13,686 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$32.82 and \$32.9750.
- (3) The 100,000 shares were sold in 42 lots ranging from 50 shares to 8,852 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$32.94 and \$33.19.
- (4) Includes 313 shares acquired under Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on October 29, 2010.

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