

BIRAN DAN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BIRAN DAN

(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)  
07/31/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr VP, Marketing and Tech Svcs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		11,375	A	\$ 0	20,616	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		4,875	A	\$ 0	25,491	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		10,000	A	\$ 0	35,491	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>		F		1,789 (2)	D	\$ 40.88	33,702	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>		F		5,267 (2)	D	\$ 40.88	28,435	D	

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Common Stock	07/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	F	3,668 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 40.88	24,767	D
Common Stock	08/01/2011	S <sup>(4)</sup>	15,526 <u>(5)</u>	D	\$ 40.9737	9,241	D

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2011		M	11,375	07/31/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	11,375
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2011		M	4,875	07/31/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	4,875
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2011		M	10,000	07/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRAN DAN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr VP, Marketing and Tech Svcs	

## Signatures

DANNY  
BIRAN 08/02/2011

\_\_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) 25% of the restricted stock unit granted on February 19, 2010 became vested on July 31, 2011 and shares were delivered to reporting person on that date.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera Common Stock at no cost.
- (3) 25% of the restricted stock unit granted on March 16, 2009 became vested on July 31, 2011 and shares were delivered to reporting person on that date.
- (4) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on January 28, 2011.
- (5) The 15,526 shares sold on 8/1/2011 to cover the taxes on his 7/31/2011 RSU vest included 11 lots ranging from 100 shares to 3,100 shares per lot at sale prices ranging from \$40.94 to \$41.03 per share.
- (6) Ten years from the date of grant.

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