

LISSNER LANCE  
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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 \*  
LISSNER LANCE

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/01/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP, Business Development

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | Price  |                                   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,000   | \$ 9.4063  | 17,408                            | D |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 2,000   | \$ 24.17   | 15,408                            | D |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 338   | \$ 9.4063  | 15,746                            | D |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 338   | \$ 24.24   | 15,408                            | D |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 190   | \$ 9.4063  | 15,598                            | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>S</u> (2) | 190   | D | \$ 24.25  | 15,408 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>M</u> (1) | 2,877 | A | \$ 9.4063 | 18,285 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>S</u> (2) | 2,877 | D | \$ 24.26  | 15,408 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>M</u> (1) | 200   | A | \$ 9.4063 | 15,608 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>S</u> (2) | 200   | D | \$ 24.265 | 15,408 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>M</u> (1) | 1,900 | A | \$ 9.4063 | 17,308 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>S</u> (2) | 1,900 | D | \$ 24.27  | 15,408 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>M</u> (1) | 495   | A | \$ 9.4063 | 15,903 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | <u>S</u> (2) | 495   | D | \$ 24.28  | 15,408 | 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) |              |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 9.4063  | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | M                              | 2,000   | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 05/18/2008  | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 9.4063  | 10/01/2007                           | 10/01/2007   | M                              | 338   | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 05/18/2008  | Common Stock |

|   |           |            |            |   |       |                           |            |              |  |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|---|-------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--|
| (right to buy)                            |           |            |            |   |       |                           |            |              |  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.4063 | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | M | 190   | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/18/2008 | Common Stock |  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.4063 | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | M | 2,877 | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/18/2008 | Common Stock |  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.4063 | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | M | 200   | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/18/2008 | Common Stock |  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.4063 | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | M | 1,900 | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/18/2008 | Common Stock |  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.4063 | 10/01/2007 | 10/01/2007 | M | 495   | 05/18/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/18/2008 | Common Stock |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| LISSNER LANCE<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | Sr VP, Business Development |       |

## Signatures

By: Fedenia Presa by Power of Attny For: Lance Lissner  
10/03/2007

\_\_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 5/18/1998.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

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