

BIRAN DAN
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
01/29/2010

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	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)
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M	5,000	A	\$ 0	12,007	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2010		F	2,102 (1)	D	\$ 21.32	9,905	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M	5,000	A	\$ 0	14,905	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2010		F	1,834 (1)	D	\$ 21.32	13,071	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M	5,000	A	\$ 0	18,071	D	

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Common Stock 01/29/2010 F 1,834
(1) D \$ 21.32 16,237 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 (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 (2)	01/29/2010		M	5,000	(3) (3)	Common Stock	5,000
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 (2)	01/29/2010		M	5,000	(4) (4)	Common Stock	5,000
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 (2)	01/29/2010		M	5,000	(5) (5)	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

BIRAN DAN
101 INNOVATION DRIVE
SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sr VP, Marketing and Tech Svcs

Signatures

Danny Biran 02/02/2010

**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) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released on January 29, 2010.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

(3) Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 1/30/2006 became vested on January 29, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 1/29/2007 became vested on January 29, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to vest annually.

Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 1/28/2008 became vested on January 29, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to vest annually.

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