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### FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 50(II) of the Investment ex

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *_BURICH MISHA			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(energian applicable)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE		E	(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP, Research & Development			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN JOSE, CA	A 95134		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti DID Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		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	10/01/2010		M	20,000	A	\$ 22.49	64,169	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	20,000	D	\$ 30.0593 (2)	44,169	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nui of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.49	10/01/2010		M	20,000	01/01/2006	12/03/2011	Common Stock	20

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURICH MISHA 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP, Research & Development

### **Signatures**

Misha R. Burich 10/04/2010

\*\*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) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on August 6, 2010.
- (2) The 20,000 shares were sold in 13 lots ranging from 31 shares to 8,688 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$30.00 and \$30.16. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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