

ALTERA CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
NELSON MARK JON

(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)  
07/31/2015

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, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) | (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                    | 07/31/2015                           |  | M                              | 3,750   | A          | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>     | 3,750   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2015                           |  | F                              | 1,919 <sub>(2)</sub>  | D          | \$ 49.66 <sub>(2)</sub> | 1,831   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2015                           |  | M                              | 2,172   | A          | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>     | 4,003   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/31/2015                           |  | F                              | 1,134 <sub>(2)</sub>  | D          | \$ 49.66 <sub>(2)</sub> | 2,869   | D  |                                   |



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Shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. The fair market value of Altera common stock used for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Market on such vesting date.

- (3) On July 18, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2012. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2015 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (4) The RSUs shall expire ten years from the date of grant.
- (5) On July 30, 2012, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2012. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2015 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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