

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 9, 2010**

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**0-16617**

(Commission File Number)

**77-0016691**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**95134**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(408) 544-7000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) Resignation of Principal Accounting Officer.

On March 9, 2010, James W. Callas, the principal accounting officer of Altera Corporation (the Company), resigned his position as principal accounting officer. Mr. Callas had served in an acting capacity as the Company's Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and principal accounting officer from June 12, 2009 through December 21, 2009, when Ronald J. Pasek joined the Company as Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Callas continued to serve as principal accounting officer from December 21, 2009 through March 9, 2010 in order to aid in the transition to Mr. Pasek. Mr. Callas will remain with the Company as Vice President, Finance and Corporate Controller.

(c) Appointment of Principal Accounting Officer

On March 9, 2010, the board of directors of Altera Corporation appointed Ronald J. Pasek as the principal accounting officer of the Company effective immediately. Mr. Pasek joined the Company on December 21, 2009 as Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALTERA CORPORATION

/s/ Katherine E. Schuelke

Katherine E. Schuelke  
Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated: March 15, 2010