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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

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Callas James

(Last)

C/O ALTERA

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/16/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Form filed by More than One

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer

Other (give title below) (specify below) VP & Acting CFO

SAN JOSE, CAÂ 95134

CORPORATION, Â 101 INNOVATION DRIVE, MS

> (City) (State)

(Street)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Form:

Ownership

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Reporting Person

Person

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative

Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Callas James

C/O ALTERA CORPORATION 101 INNOVATION DRIVE, MS 1302 SAN JOSE, CAÂ 95134

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} VP & Acting CFO \hat{A}

Signatures

Joanne Norgart by power of attny 10/25/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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