#### MCGARITY KEVIN J

Form 4

February 06, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* MCGARITY KEVIN J

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/03/2012

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit or Dispos (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	02/03/2012		M	10,000	A	\$ 21.2	20,001	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	10,000 (1)	D	\$ 40.7767 (1)	10,001	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 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 Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.2	02/03/2012		M	10,000	03/09/2008	03/09/2014	Common Stock	10

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
MCGARITY KEVIN J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X					

## **Signatures**

KEVIN MCGARITY

MCGARITY 02/06/2012

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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 10,000 shares were sold in 2 lots with 3,300 shares at \$40.77 and 6,700 shares at \$40.78.

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