

ALTERA CORP  
Form 4  
May 09, 2006

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SARKISIAN NATHAN**

(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)

05/08/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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)	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	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	A \$ 13.0157	21,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S <sup>(2)</sup>	10,000	D \$ 21.69	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	A \$ 13.0157	21,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S <sup>(2)</sup>	10,000	D \$ 21.7	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,170	A \$ 13.0157	14,244	D

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Common Stock	05/08/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	3,170	D	\$ 21.66	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,830	A	\$ 13.0157	12,904	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,830	D	\$ 21.66	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	15,000	A	\$ 13.0157	26,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	15,000	D	\$ 21.73	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	A	\$ 13.0157	31,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	D	\$ 21.75	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	A	\$ 13.0157	21,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	10,000	D	\$ 21.79	11,074	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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	01/01/2003 12/16/2008	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	01/01/2003 12/16/2008	Common Stock 10,000

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,170	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,830	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	15,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	15
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	10

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SARKISIAN NATHAN  
101 INNOVATION DRIVE  
SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr Vice President & CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Nathan M.  
Sarkisian

05/09/2006

\*\*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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/16/1998.

(2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

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