

PAPA GEORGE A
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FORM 4

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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 *
PAPA GEORGE A

(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)
07/31/2011

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
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | | M | | 6,125 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | | M | | 6,000 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | | M | | 14,000 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | | M | | 2,625 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,860 | D | \$ 40.88 |
| | | | | | | | 29,205 |
| | | | | | | | 35,205 |
| | | | | | | | 49,205 |
| | | | | | | | 51,830 |
| | | | | | | | 48,970 |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | F ⁽¹⁾ | 2,801 | D | \$ 40.88 | 46,169 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | F ⁽¹⁾ | 6,536 | D | \$ 40.88 | 39,633 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2011 | F ⁽¹⁾ | 1,226 | D | \$ 40.88 | 38,407 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit | <u>(2)</u> | 07/31/2011 | | M | 14,000 | 07/31/2011 ⁽³⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 14,000 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | <u>(2)</u> | 07/31/2011 | | M | 6,125 | 07/31/2011 ⁽³⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 6,125 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | <u>(2)</u> | 07/31/2011 | | M | 6,000 | 07/31/2011 ⁽³⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | <u>(2)</u> | 07/31/2011 | | M | 2,625 | 07/31/2011 ⁽³⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 2,625 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAPA GEORGE A 101 INNOVATION DRIVE | | | Sr VP, Worldwide Sales | |

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Signatures

GEORGE A
PAPA

08/02/2011

__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) Share withheld to cover tax withholding on RSU shares released.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera Common Stock at no cost.
- (3) 25% of the restricted stock unit became vested on July 31, 2011 and shares were delivered to reporting person on that date.
- (4) Ten years from the date of grant.

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