

BIRAN DAN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BIRAN DAN

(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)  
01/29/2010

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, Marketing and Tech Svcs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M		5,000 A \$ 0	12,007	D
Common Stock	01/29/2010		F		2,102 (1) D \$ 21.32	9,905	D
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M		5,000 A \$ 0	14,905	D
Common Stock	01/29/2010		F		1,834 (1) D \$ 21.32	13,071	D
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M		5,000 A \$ 0	18,071	D

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Common Stock      01/29/2010      F      1,834  
(1)      D      \$ 21.32      16,237      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 (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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/29/2010		M	5,000	<sup>(3)</sup> / <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	5,000
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/29/2010		M	5,000	<sup>(4)</sup> / <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	5,000
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/29/2010		M	5,000	<sup>(5)</sup> / <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRAN DAN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr VP, Marketing and Tech Svcs	

## Signatures

Danny Biran      02/02/2010

\*\*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) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released on January 29, 2010.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

(3) Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 1/30/2006 became vested on January 29, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 1/29/2007 became vested on January 29, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to vest annually.

Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 1/28/2008 became vested on January 29, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to vest annually.

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