

PASEK RONALD J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PASEK RONALD J

(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)  
01/30/2011

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 Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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	01/30/2011		M		10,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	01/30/2011		F		3,668 (1)	D	\$ 37.41
Common Stock	01/30/2011		M		13,334	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	01/30/2011		F		4,992 (1)	D	\$ 37.41
Common Stock	01/31/2011		S		14,674	D	\$ 37.4704
							725 (3) (2)

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(4)	01/30/2011		M	10,000	(5) (5)	Common Stock	10,000
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(4)	01/30/2011		M	13,334	(6) (6)	Common Stock	13,334

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PASEK RONALD J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

Ronald James  
Pasek  
01/31/2011

\*\*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) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released January 30, 2011.
- (2) The 14,674 shares were sold in 3 lots ranging from 496 shares to 7,363 shares per lot. The sale prices ranged between \$37.46 and \$37.48.
- (3) Includes 725 shares acquired under Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (5) 25% of the restricted stock unit granted on February 1, 2010 became vested on January 30, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (6) 33% of the restricted stock unit granted on February 1, 2010 became vested on January 30, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date

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