

LISSNER LANCE

Form 4

January 19, 2012

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 *
LISSNER LANCE

(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)
01/18/2012

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 below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP Business Development

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/18/2012		S	(A) or (D) Amount 2,982 (1)	\$ 39 6,156	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2012		M	A 10,000	\$ 23.47 16,156	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2012		S	(A) or (D) 10,000 (1)	\$ 40 6,156	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2012		M	A 10,000	\$ 23.47 16,156	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2012		S	(A) or (D) 10,000 (1)	\$ 39 6,156	D	

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Common Stock	01/19/2012	M	10,000	A	\$ 23.47	16,156	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2012	S	10,000 (1)	D	\$ 41.34	6,156	D	
Common Stock						13,521	I	by Trust

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 Am or Nur of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.47	01/18/2012		M	10,000	01/05/2008 01/05/2014	Common Stock 10
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LISSNER LANCE 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Sr. VP Business Development

Signatures

LANCE
LISSNER

01/19/2012

__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) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on October 25th, 2011.

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