

FINOCCHIO ROBERT J

Form 4

January 27, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FINOCCHIO ROBERT 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)
01/26/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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	01/26/2012		M	3,333	A \$ 20.56	23,334	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012		S	3,333 (1)	D \$ 40.9312 (1)	20,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012		M	10,000	A \$ 17.24	30,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012		S	10,000 (1)	D \$ 40.9312 (1)	20,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012		M	10,000	A \$ 22.03	30,001	D

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Stock

Common Stock	01/26/2012	S	<u>10,000</u> (1)	D	\$ 40.9312 (1)	20,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	M	10,000	A	\$ 20.73	30,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	S	<u>10,000</u> (1)	D	\$ 40.9312 (1)	20,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	M	10,000	A	\$ 21.07	30,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	S	<u>10,000</u> (1)	D	\$ 40.9312 (1)	20,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	M	10,000	A	\$ 23.52	30,001	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	S	<u>10,000</u> (1)	D	\$ 40.9312 (1)	20,001	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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.24	01/26/2012		M	10,000	05/31/2007 05/06/2013	Common Stock 10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.56	01/26/2012		M	3,333	05/31/2006 04/30/2012	Common Stock 3,

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.73	01/26/2012	M	10,000	05/10/2009	05/10/2015	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.07	01/26/2012	M	10,000	05/09/2010	05/09/2016	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.03	01/26/2012	M	10,000	05/31/2007	05/11/2014	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.52	01/26/2012	M	10,000	05/08/2011	05/08/2017	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINOCCHIO ROBERT J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X			

Signatures

ROBERT J
FINOCCHIO 01/27/2012

__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 53,333 shares were sold in 98 lots ranging from 2 shares to 20,000 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$40.65 and \$41.20.

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