

BIRAN DAN  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |   |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  |  |
| Â BIRAN DAN                               |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ALTERA CORP [ALTR]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | 03/05/2009                           |   |  |
| 101 INNOVATION DRIVE                      |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)  |  |
| SAN JOSE, CA 95134                        |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>Sr VP, Prod & Corporate Mktg |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |
|   |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 5,501  | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date  | Title  | Amount or Number of  |  |

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|   |                           |                  |              | Shares  |                     | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 01/03/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> | 01/03/2015       | Common Stock | 150,000 | \$ 20.04            | D                 | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)               | Â <sup>(2)</sup>          | Â <sup>(2)</sup> | Common Stock | 30,000  | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup> | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| BIRAN DAN<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr VP, Prod & Corporate Mktg | Â     |

## Signatures

Danny Biran 03/11/2009

<sup>(1)</sup>Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Represents an option in which 25% of the shares shall become vested and exercisable one year after the date of grant and 1/48 of the shares shall vest each month thereafter, provided that the reporting person continues to serve as an employee on such dates.
- (2) The RSU Award shares shall vest and become subject to release over a four (4) year period measured from the date of Award, provided that the reporting person continues to serve as an employee on such dates.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

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