

ALTERA CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
NELSON MARK JON

(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)  
05/14/2015

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, Worldwide Sales

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                    | 05/14/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 2,195 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 3,665  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2015                           |  | F                              |   | 825 <sup>(2)</sup> D 44.31 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 2,840  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 4,416 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 7,256  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2015                           |  | F                              |   | 1,660 <sup>(2)</sup> D 44.31 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 5,596  | D                                 |
|                                 | 05/14/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 5,936 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 11,532   | D                                 |

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Common  
Stock

|                 |            |   |                     |   |                           |                  |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 05/14/2015 | F | 2,231<br><u>(2)</u> | D | \$<br>44.31<br><u>(2)</u> | 9,301 <u>(3)</u> | 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. Pr Deriv Secur (Inst |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                   | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  | Code   | V   | (A)                     | (D)                        |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)                | <u>(1)</u>   | 05/14/2015                           |  | M                              | 2,195  | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock            | 2,195                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)                | <u>(1)</u>   | 05/14/2015                           |  | M                              | 4,416  | <u>(5)</u>   | <u>(5)</u>  | Common Stock            | 4,416                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)                | <u>(1)</u>   | 05/14/2015                           |  | M                              | 5,936  | <u>(6)</u>   | <u>(6)</u>  | Common Stock            | 5,936                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| NELSON MARK JON<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | Sr VP, Worldwide Sales |       |

## Signatures

Mark Jon  
Nelson

05/18/2015

\_\_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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera Common Stock at no cost.

Shares of common Stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. The fair market value of Altera common stock used

(2) for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Market on such vesting date.

(3) Includes shares acquired under the Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(4) On May 7, 2012, the Reporting Person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period. One-fourth of the RSUs vested on May 14, 2015 and the shares were delivered to the Reporting Person on such date.

(5) On May 6, 2013, the Reporting Person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period. One-fourth of the RSUs vested on May 14, 2015 and the shares were delivered to the Reporting Person on such date.

(6) On May 5, 2014, the Reporting Person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period. One-fourth of the RSUs vested on May 14, 2015 and the shares were delivered to the Reporting Person on such date.

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