

LISSNER LANCE  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
04/21/2010

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 Business Dvlpmnt

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/21/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>		52,595	A	\$ 24.625
Common Stock	04/21/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		52,595	D	\$ 26.9
Common Stock	04/21/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>		6,667	A	\$ 24.625
Common Stock	04/21/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,667	D	\$ 26.9
Common Stock	04/21/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>		4,000	A	\$ 13.91
							5,850

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Common Stock	04/21/2010	S <sup>(2)</sup>	4,000	D	\$ 26.9	1,850	D	
Common Stock	04/21/2010	M <sup>(2)</sup>	8,000	A	\$ 13.91	9,850	D	
Common Stock	04/21/2010	S <sup>(2)</sup>	8,000	D	\$ 27	1,850	D	
Common Stock						8,161	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	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.91	04/21/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>	4,000	12/03/2006 12/03/2012	Common Stock	4,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.91	04/21/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>	8,000	12/03/2006 12/03/2012	Common Stock	8,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.625	04/21/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	52,595	12/20/2004 12/20/2010	Common Stock	52,595	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.625	04/21/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	6,667	01/01/2005 12/20/2010	Common Stock	6,667	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LISSNER LANCE  
101 INNOVATION DRIVE  
SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr. VP Business Dvlpmnt

## Signatures

Lance Lissner

04/22/2010

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*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 December 7th, 2009.
  - (2) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on February 18, 2010.

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