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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address BURICH MISH		g Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Choon an approach)		
101 INNOVATI	ON DRIV	E	(Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2010	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP, Research & Development		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	aired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	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	07/31/2010		M	6,000	A	\$ 0	39,506	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2010		F	2,801 (1)	D	\$ 27.72	36,705	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2010		M	14,000	A	\$ 0	50,705	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2010		F	6,536 (1)	D	\$ 27.72	44,169	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sl
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 (2)	07/31/2010		M	14,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	14,
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2010		M	6,000	(3)	01/29/2017(3)	Common Stock	6,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURICH MISHA 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP, Research & Development

Signatures

Misha R. Burich 08/03/2010

**Signature of 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) Share withheld to cover tax withholding on RSU shares released on July 31, 2010.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

Twenty five percent (25%) of the Restricted Stock Unit granted on 3/2/2009 became vested on July 31, 2010 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to

(3) the reporting person on that date. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment, the Restricted Stock Units will continue to vest annually.

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