#### PLOFSKY JORDAN

Form 4

November 05, 2010

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PLOFSKY JORDAN			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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	(Check all application)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			11/04/2010	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Sr VP & GM Penang Operation			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E and 5) (A) or	))	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	11/04/2010		Code V M	Amount 125,000	(D)	Price \$ 21.06	213,607	D	
Common Stock	11/04/2010		S	125,000	D	\$ 33.06	88,607 (1)	D	

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Am Underlying Sect	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N Sl
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.06	11/04/2010		M	125,000	01/03/2006	03/02/2015	Common Stock	1

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PLOFSKY JORDAN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP & GM Penang Operation

## **Signatures**

Jordan Plofsky 11/05/2010

\*\*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) Includes 170 shares acquired under Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on October 29, 2010.

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