

BURICH MISHA  
Form 4  
December 02, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BURICH MISHA

(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)

12/01/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr VP, Research & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/01/2010		M	20,000	A \$ 22.49	34,169	D
Common Stock	12/01/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	D \$ 35.7364	14,169	D
Common Stock	12/01/2010		M	40,000	A \$ 23.47	54,169	D
Common Stock	12/01/2010		S	40,000	D \$ 36.8654	14,169	D

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.49	12/01/2010		M	20,000	01/01/2006	12/03/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.47	12/01/2010		M	40,000	01/05/2005	01/05/2014	Common Stock

## 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 12/02/2010  
 \*\*Signature of Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 August 6, 2010.

(2) The 20,000 shares were sold in 18 lots ranging from 9 shares to 7,200 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$35.63 and \$35.80.

(3) The 40,000 shares were sold in 5 lots ranging from 653 shares to 17,700 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$36.83 and \$36.91.

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