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Issuer

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

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Stock

Stock

05/05/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BERLAN DENIS		Symbol ALTER	Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]				Issuei				
	(Last)	(First) (Midd	dle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			05/05/2006				Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President & COO				
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SAN JOSE, CA 95134								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State) (Zip	p) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	a	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Common Stock	05/05/2006		$\begin{array}{cc} \text{Code} & V \\ M\underline{^{(1)}} & \end{array}$	Amount 25,000	or (D)	Price \$ 8.75	(Instr. 3 and 4) 489,136	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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.75	05/05/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	25,000	01/01/2002	12/17/2006	Common Stock	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BERLAN DENIS 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Executive Vice President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Denis Berlan 05/08/2006

**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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/17/1996.

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