

ALTERA CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SARKISIAN NATHAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ALTERA CORP, 101
INNOVATION DRIVE

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALTERA CORP [al\$tr1ed]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2006

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 Vice President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 A \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 5,000 D \$ 21.8 | 11,074 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 A \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 5,000 D \$ 21.8011 | 11,074 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 15,000 A \$ 13.0157 | 26,074 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|-------------|--------|---|------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 15,000 | D | \$ 21.81 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 10,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 21,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 10,000 | D | \$ 21.84 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.85 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.8601 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.8639 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.8648 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.87 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.8814 | 11,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>M(1)</u> | 5,000 | A | \$ 13.0157 | 16,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2006 | <u>S(2)</u> | 5,000 | D | \$ 21.9 | 11,074 | 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)**

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 15,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 10,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.0157 | 05/01/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | 01/01/2003 | 12/16/2008 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SARKISIAN NATHAN C/O ALTERA CORP 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Sr Vice President and CFO | |

Signatures

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| /s/Nathan M. Sarkisian | 05/03/2006 |
| **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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/16/1998.
 - (2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

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