BOWMAN A BLAINE Form 4

July 30, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BOWMAN A BLAINE

(First)

(Middle)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

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

07/30/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Am Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Security				(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or No of
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.21 (1)	07/30/2012	A		40,000		(2)	07/30/2022(3)	Common Stock	4

or Disposed of

Reporting Owners

Derivative

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BOWMAN A BLAINE 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X						

Signatures

ARTHUR BLAINE 07/30/2012 BOWMAN

**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) The per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an option shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.
- (2) Subject to the reporting person's continuing service as a Director of the Company and the other terms of the option agreement, the options shall vest over a four-year period at a rate of 25% annually commencing July 30, 2013.
- (3) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.

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