

ALTERA CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Callas James</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>101 INNOVATION DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SAN JOSE, CA 95134</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/16/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ALTERA CORP [ALTR]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>VP, Finance &amp; Corp Controller / VP, Finance &amp; Corp Controller</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,000	D	À

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2008	Common Stock	28,000	\$ 13.0157	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	12/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/03/2012	Common Stock	45,000	\$ 13.91	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	04/29/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/29/2009	Common Stock	80,000	\$ 15.4063	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	55,000	\$ 20.04	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/01/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/03/2011	Common Stock	55,000	\$ 22.49	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/01/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/14/2009	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 22.7188	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/05/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/05/2014	Common Stock	45,000	\$ 23.47	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/01/2004 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/20/2010	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 24.625	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Callas James 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Â	Â	Â VP, Finance & Corp Controller	VP, Finance & Corp Controller

## Signatures

By: Joanne Norgart by pwr of attny For: James Callas 11/13/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option shall vest to the extent of one-twelfth of the shares subject to such option at the end of each month following January 1, 2002.
- (2) Option Vests 25% one year from grant date and then monthly over three years.
- (3) Option shall vest in equal monthly installments over 4 years
- (4) Option Vesting monthly during 2005
- (5) Option shall vest to the extent of one-twelfth of the shares subject to such option at the end of each month following January 1, 2003.
- (6) Option shall vest to the extent of one-twelfth of the shares subject to such option at the end of each month following January 1, 2004.

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