

HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN			(Month/Day/Year)	ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/02/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
101 INNOVATION DRIVE				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
SAN JOSE,Â CAÂ 95134				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
				SVP, Research and Engineering	

**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)
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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 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 (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	Â (1)	Â (2)	Common Stock	24,750 (3)	\$ (3)	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Â	Â	Â SVP, Research and Engineering	Â

## Signatures

Bradley Steven  
Howe

04/03/2012

\*\*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) Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Company's standard form of RSU award agreement, the shares will vest over a four-year period from the date of grant at a rate of 25% annually.
  - (2) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.
  - (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

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