

ALTERA CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NEVENS THOMAS MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)
101 INNOVATION DRIVE
(Street)
SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/13/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/13/2012		M	1,667 A \$ 0	3,334	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2012		M	1,037 A \$ 0	4,371	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Fair Market Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2012		M	1,667	05/13/2012 (2)	Common Stock	1,667
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2012		M	1,037	05/13/2012 (3)	Common Stock	1,037

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEVENS THOMAS MICHAEL 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134		X		

Signatures

T MICHAEL
NEVENS
05/15/2012

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (2) On May 6, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a three-year period beginning on May 13, 2011. One third of the RSUs vested on May 13, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2012.
- (3) On May 10, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a three-year period beginning on May 13, 2012. One third of the RSUs vested on May 13, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2012.

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