

BIRAN DAN  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BIRAN DAN

(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)  
01/30/2011

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 VP, Marketing and Tech Svcs

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	01/30/2011		M	5,000 A \$ 0	13,429	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2011		F	1,941 (1) D \$ 37.41	11,488	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2011		M	5,000 A \$ 0	16,488	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2011		F	1,835 (1) D \$ 37.41	14,653	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2011		S(2)	6,224 D \$ 37.6294 (3)	8,429 (4)	D	

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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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/30/2011		M	5,000	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	5,000
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/30/2011		M	5,000	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRAN DAN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr VP, Marketing and Tech Svcs	

## Signatures

Danny Biran                      01/31/2011  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released January 30, 2011.
- (2) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on April 28, 2010.
- (3) The 6,224 shares were sold in 15 lots ranging from 100 shares to 1,300 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$37.59 and \$37.68.

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- (4) Includes 208 shares acquired under the Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (6) 25% of the restricted stock unit granted on January 29, 2007 became vested on January 30, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (7) 25% of the restricted stock unit granted on January 28, 2008 became vested on January 30, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date

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