# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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V	Vashington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant to Section 13 o	or 15(d) of the Securities Excl	hange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date	te of earliest event reported): Janua	ary 24, 2005
	A CORPORAT ne of registrant as specified in its charte	
Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-16617 (Commission File Number)	77-0016691 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95134 (Zip Code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 24, 2005, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
  - 99.1 Press Release dated January 24, 2005

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALTERA CORPORATION

/s/ Nathan Sarkisian Nathan Sarkisian

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 24, 2005

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated January 24, 2005