ALTERA CORP Form 8-K October 13, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 13, 2009

ALTERA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-16617 (Commission File Number) 77-0016691 (IRS Employer

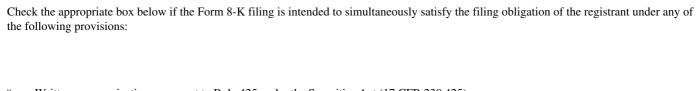
of Incorporation)

 $Identification\ No.)$

101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California 95134
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

Not Applicable

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



- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 13, 2009, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of 2009. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press release dated October 13, 2009

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/ James Callas
James Callas

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 13, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release dated October 13, 2009