

FINOCCHIO ROBERT J  
Form 4  
May 17, 2011

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FINOCCHIO ROBERT J

(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)  
05/13/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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	05/13/2011		M		1,666	A \$ 0	16,667 D
Common Stock	05/13/2011		M		1,667	A \$ 0	18,334 D
Common Stock	05/13/2011		M		1,667	A \$ 0	20,001 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)

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2011		M	1,666	(2) (2)	Common Stock	1,666
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2011		M	1,667	(3) (3)	Common Stock	1,667
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2011		M	1,667	(4) (4)	Common Stock	1,667

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINOCCHIO ROBERT J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X			

## Signatures

Robert J. Finocchio  
05/17/2011  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (2) 1/3rd of the restricted stock unit granted on May 13, 2008 became vested on May 13, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (3) 1/3rd of the restricted stock unit granted on May 12, 2009 became vested on May 13, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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- (4) 1/3rd of the restricted stock unit granted on May 6, 2010 became vested on May 13, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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