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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of F PAPA GEORGE A	Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check un applicable)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2011	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP, Worldwide Sales			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SAN JOSE, CA 9513	34		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 ransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M	6,125	A	\$ 0	29,205	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M	6,000	A	\$ 0	35,205	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M	14,000	A	\$ 0	49,205	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M	2,625	A	\$ 0	51,830	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011		F(1)	2,860	D	\$ 40.88	48,970	D	

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Common Stock	07/31/2011	F <u>(1)</u>	2,801	D	\$ 40.88	46,169	D
Common Stock	07/31/2011	F <u>(1)</u>	6,536	D	\$ 40.88	39,633	D
Common Stock	07/31/2011	F(1)	1,226	D	\$ 40.88	38,407	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous or Numb of Sha
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	07/31/2011		M	14,000	07/31/2011(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	14,00
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2011		M	6,125	07/31/2011(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,12
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2011		M	6,000	07/31/2011(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,00
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2011		M	2,625	07/31/2011(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,62

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Other Director 10% Owner Officer

PAPA GEORGE A Sr VP, Worldwide Sales 101 INNOVATION DRIVE

Reporting Owners 2 SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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**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) Share withheld to cover tax withholding on RSU shares released.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera Common Stock at no cost.
- (3) 25% of the restricted stock unit became vested on July 31, 2011 and shares were delivered to reporting person on that date.
- (4) Ten years from the date of grant.

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