

PAPA GEORGE A  
Form 4  
July 30, 2012

**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 \*  
PAPA GEORGE A

(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)

07/30/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

VP, Channel Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3)                                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |       |     |                     |                    |                 |                                        |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--|
|                                                 |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                   | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 35.21<br><u>(1)</u>             | 07/30/2012       | A          |                                                                     | 9,308 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | 07/30/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 9,308                                  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit<br>(RSU)               | <u>(3)</u>                         | 07/30/2012       | A          |                                                                     | 7,240 |     | <u>(4)</u>          | 07/30/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 7,240                                  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                             | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| PAPA GEORGE A<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | VP, Channel Sales                |

## Signatures

GEORGE A  
PAPA 07/30/2012

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) The per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an option shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.
- (2) Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on July 31, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the
- (4) shares will commence vesting on July 31, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on such vest date.

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