

BURICH MISHA
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BURICH MISHA

(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)
01/29/2009

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)
Sr VP, Research & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Price (D) | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2009 | | A | | 30,000 (1) | A | (2) | 42,854 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2009 | | M | | 6,250 | A | \$ 0 | 49,104 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2009 | | M | | 7,500 | A | \$ 0 | 56,604 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2009 | | F | | 2,581 (3) | D | \$ 15.38 | 54,023 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2009 | | F | | 2,682 (3) | D | \$ 15.38 | 51,341 (4) | D | |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | (2) | 01/30/2009 | | M | 6,250 | 01/30/2008 01/30/2016 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 6,250 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | (2) | 01/30/2009 | | M | 7,500 | 01/30/2008 01/29/2017 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BURICH MISHA 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Sr VP, Research & Development | |

Signatures

Misha R. Burich 02/02/2009
 **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) The Compensation Committee of Altera Corporation's Board of Directors previously approved a grant effective on April 28, 2008 of performance based Restricted Stock Units such that 100% of the vesting would be contingent on the Company achieving net income from continuing operations as a percentage of revenue of 20% or greater in 2008. If the Company achieves the performance metric, the RSUs will vest 25% annually commencing April 30, 2009. Effective Jan 29, 2009 the Compensation Committee certified that the Company

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achieved the performance metric for fiscal year 2008.

- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock at no cost.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released January 30, 2009.
- (4) Includes common stock and performance-based restricted stock units subject to vesting over a period of time.
- (5) The RSU Award shares shall vest and become subject to release over a four (4) year period measured from the date of Award, provided that the Insider continues to serve as an employee on such dates.

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