BURICH MISHA Form 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person BURICH MISHA	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 all applicable)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2011	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP, Research & Development			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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	(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
S	Title of Security Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Common Stock	01/30/2011		M	7,500	A	\$ 0	21,669	D	
	Common Stock	01/30/2011		F	2,751 ₍₁₎	D	\$ 37.41	18,918	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number one 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	01/30/2011		M	7,500	01/30/2008(3)	<u>(3)</u>	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 01/31/2011

**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) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released January 30, 2011.
- (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 granted on January 29, 2007 became vested on January 30, 2011 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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