

BIRAN DAN
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BIRAN DAN

(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)
01/29/2012

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)
VP, Strategy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/29/2012		M	5,000 A \$ 0	14,322	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2012		D	1,728 (1) D \$ 40.23	12,594 (2)	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2012		S	3,272 (3) D \$ 39.6597	9,322	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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	01/29/2012		M	5,000	01/29/2012 ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRAN DAN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			VP, Strategy	

Signatures

DANNY
BIRAN

01/30/2012

**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).

- Shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. Because the vesting date of such RSUs occurred on a day on which the NASDAQ Stock Market was closed for trading, the fair market value of Altera common stock used for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the last trading day immediately prior to such vesting date.
- (1) Shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. Because the vesting date of such RSUs occurred on a day on which the NASDAQ Stock Market was closed for trading, the fair market value of Altera common stock used for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the last trading day immediately prior to such vesting date.
 - (2) Includes 81 shares acquired under the Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on October 31, 2011.
 - (3) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on January 28, 2011.
 - (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
 - (5) Ten years from the date of grant.

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