

ALTERA CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**TERRY WILLIAM E**

(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)  
**03/12/2007**

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)

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	03/12/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		7,600	A	\$ 13.1563
Common Stock	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	S		7,600	D	\$ 20.6
Common Stock	03/12/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,078	A	\$ 13.1563
Common Stock	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	S		3,078	D	\$ 20.61
Common Stock	03/12/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,500	A	\$ 13.1563
Common Stock	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	S		3,500	D	\$ 20.62

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	03/12/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,369	A	\$ 13.1563	149,369	D
Common Stock	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	S	3,369	D	\$ 20.63	146,000	D
Common Stock	03/12/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,400	A	\$ 13.1563	147,400	D
Common Stock	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	S	1,400	D	\$ 20.64	146,000	D
Common Stock	03/12/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,053	A	\$ 13.1563	147,053	D
Common Stock	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	S	1,053	D	\$ 20.65	146,000	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.1563	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>		7,600	10/12/2001 05/07/2007	Common Stock	7,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.1563	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,078	10/12/2001 05/07/2007	Common Stock	3,078
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.1563	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,500	10/12/2001 05/07/2007	Common Stock	3,500

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.1563	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,369	10/12/2001	05/07/2007	Common Stock	3,3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.1563	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,400	10/12/2001	05/07/2007	Common Stock	1,4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.1563	03/12/2007	03/12/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,053	10/12/2001	05/07/2007	Common Stock	1,0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TERRY WILLIAM E 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X			

## Signatures

/s/ William E.  
Terry 03/13/2007

\*\*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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 5/07/1997.

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