

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 21, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 21, 2004

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-16617

77-0016691

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(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission

(I.R.S. employer

of incorporation)

file number)

identification no.)

101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California

95134

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 21, 2004, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALTERA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Nathan Sarkisian

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Nathan Sarkisian

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 21, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release dated April 21, 2004