

ALTERA CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**WATERS JEFFREY**

(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)  
**12/28/2015**

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)  
**SVP & GM, Business Unit**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2015		D	3,198 (1)	(2) 0	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)**

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.76	12/28/2015		D		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	8,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.21	12/28/2015		D		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7,979
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	12/28/2015		D		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	67,971
Performance Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	12/28/2015		D		(3)(5)	(3)(5)	Common Stock	37,680
Performance Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	12/28/2015		D		(3)(5)	(3)(5)	Common Stock	38,964
Performance Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	12/28/2015		D		(3)(5)	(3)(5)	Common Stock	19,560

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATERS JEFFREY 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			SVP & GM, Business Unit	

## Signatures

/s/ Jonna Anderson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/30/2015

\*\*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) Includes shares acquired under the Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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- (2) Outstanding shares of the common stock of the Issuer were converted into the right to receive \$54.00 per share in cash, without interest thereon and subject to any required tax withholding (the "Merger Consideration"), in accordance with the Merger Agreement.
- (3) Outstanding stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs") or performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSUs") of the Issuer were either (i) assumed by Parent and automatically converted into corresponding equity incentive awards on common stock of Parent in accordance with the Merger Agreement, or (ii) cancelled and converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration (less the exercise price, in the case of stock options) in accordance with the Merger Agreement.
- (4) Each RSU and PRSU represented the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer.
- (5) Includes PRSUs that were deemed fully vested and cancelled in exchange for the right to receive the Merger Consideration, in accordance with the Merger Agreement.

### **Remarks:**

This Form 4 reports securities disposed pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"),

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