

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 *
NELSON MARK JON

(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)
05/04/2015

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)

Sr VP, Worldwide Sales

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit (5) | (1) | 05/04/2015 | A | 19,560 | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 19,560 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | (1) | 05/04/2015 | A | 22,821 | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 22,821 (3) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|--|
| NELSON MARK JON 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | Director 10% Owner Officer Sr VP, Worldwide Sales |

Signatures

Mark Jon
Nelson
05/06/2015

__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) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost. The performance restricted stock units ("PRsUs") were granted under Altera's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The exact number of PRsUs (Calculated Shares) that may be earned will be determined by comparing Altera's total shareholder return ("TSR") to the TSR of the Philadelphia Semiconductor Total Return Index (the "Index") immediately preceding and at the end of the three-year period commencing May 4, 2015 and ending May 4, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Each 1% difference between Altera's TSR and the Index TSR at the end of the Performance Period will result in a 2% upwards or downwards adjustment to the payout percentage. The number of performance stock units shown in columns 5 and 7 is equal to the maximum number of PRsUs that may be earned. The minimum number of PRsUs that may be earned is zero. Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions set forth in the PRSU award agreement, 100% of the Calculated Shares will vest on May 31, 2018.
- (3) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the shares shall vest at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on such vest date.

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