

ALTERA CORP  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**SCHEDULE TO**  
**(Rule 13e-4)**  
**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**(AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_)**

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**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Name of Filing Persons (Offeror))

Certain Options to Purchase Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value Per Share,  
Granted Under the Altera Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan

(Title of Class of Securities)

**021441100**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)  
(Underlying Common Stock)

**JOHN P. DAANE**  
**President and Chief**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Altera Corporation**  
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**San Jose, California 95134**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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**Transaction Valuation\***

Not applicable\*

**Amount of Filing Fee**

Not applicable\*

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- third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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