

LYMAN KEVIN H  
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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 \*  
LYMAN KEVIN H

(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)  
07/31/2012

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, Human Resources

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			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)
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M		4,725	A	\$ 0	4,725	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M		2,025	A	\$ 0	6,750	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M		10,500	A	\$ 0	17,250	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M		4,300	A	\$ 0	21,550	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M		4,500	A	\$ 0	26,050	D	

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Common Stock      07/31/2012      S      26,050      D      \$ 35.4925      0      D  
(1)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2012		M	4,725	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,725
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2012		M	10,500	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	10,500
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2012		M	2,025	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,025
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2012		M	4,300	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,300
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	07/31/2012		M	4,500	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LYMAN KEVIN H 101 INNOVATION DRIVE			Sr VP, Human Resources	

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

## Signatures

KEVIN H.  
LYMAN

08/02/2012

\_\_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) The 26,050 shares were sold in 15 lots ranging from 44 shares to 6,056 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$35.44 and \$35.53. The price reported above represents the weighted average sale price. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to any security holder of Altera Corporation or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were affected.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (3) On February 19, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of performance-based restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The RSUs commenced vesting on July 31, 2011 at a rate of 25% annually. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (4) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.
- (5) On March 2, 2009, the reporting person received a grant of performance-based restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The RSUs commenced vesting on July 31, 2010 at a rate of 25% annually. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (6) On February 19, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2011. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (7) On February 25, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2012. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (8) On March 2, 2009, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2010. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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