

LISSNER LANCE  
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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 \*  
LISSNER LANCE

(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)  
07/31/2011

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 Business Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		4,500	A	\$ 0 9,475
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		10,500	A	\$ 0 19,975
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		2,025	A	\$ 0 22,000
Common Stock	07/31/2011		M		4,725	A	\$ 0 26,725
Common Stock	07/31/2011		F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,651	D	\$ 40.88 25,074

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Common Stock	07/31/2011	F <sup>(1)</sup>	3,948	D	\$ 40.88	21,126	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011	F <sup>(1)</sup>	946	D	\$ 40.88	20,180	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2011	F <sup>(1)</sup>	2,206	D	\$ 40.88	17,974	D	
Common Stock						13,521	I	by Trust

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	07/31/2011		M	10,500	07/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	10,500
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	07/31/2011		M	4,725	07/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	4,725
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2011		M	4,500	07/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	4,500
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2011		M	2,025	07/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	2,025

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

LISSNER LANCE  
101 INNOVATION DRIVE  
SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr. VP Business Development

## Signatures

LANCE  
LISSNER

08/02/2011

\*\*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) Share withheld to cover tax withholding on RSU shares released.
  - (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera Common Stock at no cost.
  - (3) 25% of the restricted stock unit became vested on July 31, 2011 and shares were delivered to reporting person on that date.
  - (4) Ten years from the date of grant.

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