

ALTERA CORP  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |          |                                      |  |  |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â BURICH MISHA                            |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ALTERA CORP [ALTR]                                 |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First)  | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)       |
|   |          | 03/22/2007                           |  |  |
| 101 INNOVATION DRIVE                      |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
|   | (Street) |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                         |
| SAN JOSE,Â CAÂ 95134                      |          |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                  |
| (City)                                    | (State)  | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |          |                                      | Sr VP, Research & Development /                    | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person               |
|   |          |                                      | Sr VP, Research & Development                      |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 4,286  | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date  | Title  | Amount or Number of  |  |

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|   |       |            |              | Shares  |          | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---|-------|------------|--------------|---------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 12/03/2012 | Common Stock | 150,000 | \$ 13.91 | D                 | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 120,000 | \$ 20.04 | D                 | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3) | 12/03/2011 | Common Stock | 75,000  | \$ 22.49 | D                 | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (4) | 01/05/2011 | Common Stock | 160,000 | \$ 23.47 | D                 | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (5) | 01/05/2014 | Common Stock | 120,000 | \$ 23.47 | D                 | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)               | Â (6) | 01/30/2016 | Common Stock | 18,750  | \$ (7)   | D                 | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)               | Â (6) | 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 30,000  | \$ (7)   | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                                 |                               |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other                         |
| BURICH MISHA<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr VP, Research & Development | Sr VP, Research & Development |

## Signatures

/s/ Misha Burich 03/29/2007

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Exercisable in installments cumulatively with respect to 25% of the shares on December 3, 2003 and with respect to 2.083% of the shares each month there after.
- (2) Exercisable in installments cumulatively with respect to 25% of the shares on January 3, 2006 and with respect to 2.083% of the shares each month there after.
- (3) Exercisable in installments cumulatively with respect to 8.33% of the shares on February 1, 2005 and each month there after.
- (4) Exercisable in installments cumulatively with respect to 20% of the shares on July 5, 2004 and with respect to 3.33% of the shares each month there after.
- (5) Exercisable in installments cumulatively with respect to 25% of the shares on January 5, 2005 and with respect to 2.083% of the shares each month there after.
- (6) The RSU Award shares shall vest and become subject to release over a four (4) year period measured from the date of Award, provided that the Insider continues to serve as an employee on such dates.

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- (7) Unless expressly determined otherwise by the Committee, prior services rendered to the Company by Participant shall constitute sufficient consideration for the payment of the par value per RSU (par value being \$0.01 per Share).

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