### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 28, 2007

# **ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-16617 (Commission File Number)

77-0016691 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California 95134 (Zip Code) (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 28, 2007, Altera Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.04 per share of the Company s common stock. The dividend will be paid on June 1, 2007 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on May 10, 2007. The press release also announced a 50 million share increase in the number of shares authorized for repurchase under the Company s share repurchase program. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 28, 2007

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### ALTERA CORPORATION

/s/ Katherine E. Schuelke Katherine E. Schuelke Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated: March 29, 2007

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#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

**Description**Press Release dated March 28, 2007 99.1