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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LISSNER LANCE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE		Έ	(Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP Business Dvlpmnt			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN JOSE, CA	A 95134		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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)
Common Stock	04/20/2010		M <u>(1)</u>	50,738	A	\$ 24.625	57,177	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	50,738	D	\$ 26.9	6,439	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2010		S(2)	4,589	D	\$ 26.9	1,850	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2010		S(2)	3,612	D	\$ 26.9	8,161	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)

2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nı
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LISSNER LANCE 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr. VP Business Dvlpmnt

Signatures

Lance Lissner 04/21/2010 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on December 7th, 2009.
- (2) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on October 27th, 2009.

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