

SCHUELKE KATHERINE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SCHUELKE KATHERINE

(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)  
 04/30/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, General Counsel & Secretary

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 or Price (A) or (D)  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/30/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 2,293<br>(1)  | D  | 5,021                             |
| Common Stock                    | 04/30/2010                           |  | F                              |   | 2,018<br>(1)  | D  | 3,003                             |
| Common Stock                    | 04/30/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 5,500   | A  | \$ 0 8,503                        |
| Common Stock                    | 04/30/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 6,250   | A  | \$ 0 14,753 (2)                   |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit          | (3)  | 04/30/2010                           |  | M                              | 5,500   | 04/30/2010 (3)   | Common Stock  | 5,500                      |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit          | (3)  | 04/30/2010                           |  | M                              | 6,250   | 04/30/2010 (3)   | Common Stock  | 6,250                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| SCHUELKE KATHERINE<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | VP, General Counsel & Secretary |       |

## Signatures

Katherine E. Schuelke 05/03/2010

\*\*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) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on RSU shares released on April 30, 2010.
- (2) Includes 335 shares acquired on April 30, 2010 under the Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3)

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Subject to the reporting person's continued employment, twenty-five percent of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest and become deliverable over a four (4) year period.

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