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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LISSNER LANCE Issuer Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify 101 INNOVATION DRIVE 07/12/2010 below) below) Sr. VP Business Dvlpmnt / Sr. VP Business Dvlpmnt (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/12/2010		$M_{\underline{(1)}}$	52,000	A	\$ 13.91	58,003	D	
Common Stock	07/12/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	52,000	D	\$ 27.9	6,003	D	
Common Stock	07/12/2010		M(2)	12,000	A	\$ 22.49	18,003	D	
Common Stock	07/12/2010		S(2)	12,000	D	\$ 28	6,003	D	
Common Stock							8,161	I	by Trust

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.91	07/12/2010		M(1)	52,000	12/03/2003	12/03/2012	Common Stock	52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.49	07/12/2010		M(2)	12,000	01/01/2004	12/03/2011	Common Stock	12

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 Sr. VP Business Dvlpmnt

Signatures

Lance Lissner 07/12/2010 **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 February 18, 2010.
- (2) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on April 29, 2010.

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