PASEK RONALD J

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PASEK RONALD J			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	(
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 10/30/2011	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP & CFO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/30/2011		M	3,750	A	\$ 0	5,200	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2011		F	1,751 (1)	D	\$ 39.94	3,449	D	

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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number one Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	10/30/2011		M	3,750	(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,750	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PASEK RONALD J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP & CFO

Signatures

RONALD JAMES PASEK

10/31/2011

**Signature of Reporting

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).
 - 1,751 shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. Because the vesting date of such RSUs
- occurred on a day on which the NASDAQ Stock Market was closed for trading, the fair market value of Altera common stock used for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the last trading day immediately prior to such vesting date.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera Common Stock at no cost.
- (3) 25% of the restricted stock unit granted on November 1, 2010 became vested on October 30, 2011 and shares were delivered to reporting person on that date.
- (4) Ten years from the date of grant.

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