

HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN

(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)
05/07/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Sr VP, Research & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.31 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/07/2012 | A | 9,296 | | | | | ⁽²⁾ | 05/07/2022 | Common Stock | 9,296 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.31 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/07/2012 | A | 13,944 | | | | | ⁽²⁾ | 05/07/2022 | Common Stock | 13,944 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | ⁽³⁾ | 05/07/2012 | A | 7,318 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 7,318 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | ⁽³⁾ | 05/07/2012 | A | 10,978 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 10,978 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Sr VP, Research & Development | |

Signatures

BRADLEY STEVEN
HOWE

05/09/2012

__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) The per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an option shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.
- (2) Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on May 14, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost. Subject to the reporting person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the
- (4) shares will commence vesting on May 14, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on such vest date.

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