

NELSON MARK JON
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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 *
 NELSON MARK JON

(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)
 05/06/2013

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, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial 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 Securities (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
Performance Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	05/06/2013	A	23,550					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	23,550 (2)
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/06/2013	A	17,663					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	17,663

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON MARK JON 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr VP, Worldwide Sales	

Signatures

MARK JON
NELSON

05/08/2013

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost. The performance restricted stock units ("PRsUs") were granted under Altera's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The actual number of PRsUs that may be earned will be determined by comparing Altera's total shareholder return ("TSR") to the TSR of the Philadelphia Semiconductor Total Return Index (the "Index") immediately preceding and at end of the three-year period commencing May 6, 2013 and ending May 6, 2016 (the "Performance Period"). Each 1% difference between Altera's TSR and the Index TSR at the end of the Performance Period will result in a 2% upwards or downwards adjustment to Mr. Nelson's payout percentage. The number of performance stock units shown in column 5 and 7 is equal to the maximum number of PRsUs that may be earned. The target number of PRsUs that may be earned is 11,775. The minimum number of PRsUs that may be earned is zero.
- (3) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the shares will commence vesting as of the Grant Date and vest at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on each vest date.

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