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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**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director _X__ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner _ Other (specify

101 INNOVATION DRIVE 07/31/2015

(Middle)

Sr VP, Worldwide Sales

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City)	(State) (Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired ion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/31/2015		M	3,750	A	\$ 0 (1)	3,750	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2015		F	1,919 (2)	D	\$ 49.66 (2)	1,831	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2015		M	2,172	A	\$ 0 (1)	4,003	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2015		F	1,134 (2)	D	\$ 49.66 (2)	2,869	D	

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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	nversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactiono Exercise any Code S ce of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) A rivative Curity D		Securitie	ative s l	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst	
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(1)</u>	07/31/2015		M	3,7	750	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,750	\$
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	07/31/2015		M	2,1	172	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,172	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Maine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NELSON MARK JON 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

Mark Jon
Nelson

**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.

(2)

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Shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. 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 NASDAQ Stock Market on such vesting date.

- (3) On July 18, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2012. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2015 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (4) The RSUs shall expire ten years from the date of grant.
- On July 30, 2012, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2012. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2015 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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