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#### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

### PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 8, 2004

### **ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-16617 (Commission File Number) 77-0016691 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (Address of principal executive offices)

95134 (Zip Code)

(408) 544-7000

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- "Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 8, 2004, Altera Corporation posted on its website a business update for the fourth quarter. A copy of the business update is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
  - 99.1 Business Update dated December 8, 2004

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ALTERA CORPORATION** 

/s/ John Daane

John Daane

Chairman, President, and

Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 8, 2004

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Business Update dated December 8, 2004