PRABHU KRISH A

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** PRABHU KRISH A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	ALTERA CORP [ALTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
101 INNOVATION DRIVE		E	(Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(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		
SAN JOSE, CA 95134				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.	4. Securi		ar.	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Wolldin Day/Tear)	any	Code	onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	1		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/13/2012		M	1,666	A	\$0	6,667	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2012		M	1,667	A	\$0	8,334	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2012		M	1,037	A	\$0	9,371	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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2012		M	1,666	05/13/2012	(2)	Common Stock	1,666
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2012		M	1,667	05/13/2012	(3)	Common Stock	1,667
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(1)</u>	05/13/2012		M	1,037	05/13/2012	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,037

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PRABHU KRISH A								
101 INNOVATION DRIVE	X							
SAN JOSE, CA 95134								

Signatures

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PRABHU

**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.
- On May 12, 2009, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a three-year period beginning on May 13, 2010. One third of the RSUs vested on May 13, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2012.
- On May 6, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a three-year period beginning on May 13, 2011. One third of the RSUs vested on May 13, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2012.

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On May 10, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a three-year period beginning on May 13, 2012. One third of the RSUs vested on May 13, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2012.

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