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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **NEVENS THOMAS MICHAEL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

(Street)

(State)

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

(Check all applicable)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE 05/13/2013

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/13/2013		M	1,666	A	\$0	6,037	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2013		M	1,037	A	\$0	7,074	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2013		M	1,307	A	\$0	8,381	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Fransaction Date onth/Day/Year) Salary (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		erivative rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (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)	05/13/2013		M		1,666	05/13/2012(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,666
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/13/2013		M		1,037	05/13/2012(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,037
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(1)</u>	05/13/2013		M		1,307	05/13/2012(4)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,307

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NEVENS THOMAS MICHAEL 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X						

Signatures

Person

T. MICHAEL
NEVENS

**Signature of Reporting

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 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, 2013 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2013.
- 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, 2013 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2013.

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On May 8, 2012, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a three-year period beginning on May 13, 2013. One third of the RSUs vested on May 13, 2013 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on May 14, 2013.

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