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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHUELKE KATHERINE | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Chech all applicable) | | | |
| 101 INNOVATION DRIVE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2005 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP General Counsel Secretary | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------|-------|---|---|----------------|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (msu: 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2005 | | M | 25,000 | A | \$ 13.91 | 27,324 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2005 | | S | 25,000 | D | \$ 20.308 | 2,324 | 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of conDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nu of S |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.91 | 04/27/2005 | | M | 25,000 | 12/03/2003 | 12/03/2012 | Common Stock | 25 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHUELKE KATHERINE 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

VP General Counsel Secretary

Signatures

Katherine E. Schuelke 04/28/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

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