ALTERA CORP Form 8-K December 27, 2011

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 22, 2011

ALTERA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

0-16617 (Commission 77-0016691 (IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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101 Innovation Drive, San Jose,

California (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

95134 (Zip Code)

Not Applicable

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

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

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On December 22, 2011, Robert J. Finocchio resigned his position as a director of Altera Corporation. His resignation is effective immediately.

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/ Katherine E. Schuelke Katherine E. Schuelke

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated: December 23, 2011