ALTERA CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NEWHAGEN PAUL			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	(===== an application)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Outside Board Member			
(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) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/08/2006	12/08/2006	G	5,000	D	\$ 19.56 (1)	2,006,955	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2006	12/08/2006	G	13,000	D	\$ 19.56 (1)	1,993,955	D	
Common Stock							400	I	by Daughter
Common Stock							400	I	by Spouse

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						-
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title			
				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)		*	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NEWHAGEN PAUL

101 INNOVATION DRIVE X Outside Board Member

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Signatures

By: Fedenia Presa For: Paul Newhagen 12/12/2006

**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) Shares Disposed Through a Gift Transaction. Stated Price reflects closing Fair Market Value of Altera Corporation Common Stock as reported on NASDAQ on the date of the Gift Transaction.

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