

BERLAN DENIS  
Form 4  
December 20, 2006

**FORM 4**

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

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Section 16.  
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may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BERLAN DENIS**

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)

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Executive Vice President & COO / Executive  
Vice President & COO

(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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M <u>(1)</u>		9,500	A	\$ 13.0157	475,142	D
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	S <u>(2)</u>		9,500	D	\$ 20.05	465,642	D
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M <u>(3)</u>		19,000	A	\$ 7.6407	484,642	D
Common Stock	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	S <u>(2)</u>		19,000	D	\$ 20.05	465,642	D
Common Stock								13,280	I by Son

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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 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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.6407	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M	19,000	02/01/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/12/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	12/18/2006	12/18/2006	M	9,500	02/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/16/2008	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BERLAN DENIS 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Executive Vice President & COO Executive Vice President & COO

## Signatures

By: Fedenia Presa by Pwr Attny For: Denis M.  
Berlan 12/20/2006

\_\_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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/16/1998.

(2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

(3) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/12/1997.

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