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FORM 4

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1(b).

| 1. Name and Address of Report SCHUELKE KATHERIN | _ | 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 | (Check an applicable) | | |
| 101 INNOVATION DRIVE | | (Month/Day/Year) 07/17/2007 | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) VP,General Counsel & Secretary | | |
| (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 | | |
| SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | ired, 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) | 3. 4. Securities Acc Transaction(A) or Disposed Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 (Instr. 8) | | of (D) | 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) | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 07/17/2007 | 07/17/2007 | M(1) | 10,000 | A | \$ 13.91 | 13,749 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/17/2007 | 07/17/2007 | S(2) | 10,000 | D | \$ 24.91 | 3,749 | 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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title [| |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.91 | 07/17/2007 | 07/17/2007 | M | 10,000 | 12/03/2003(1) | 12/03/2012 | Common Stock | |

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 07/19/2007

**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).
- (1) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/3/2002.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

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