ALTERA CORP

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

(Last)

LYMAN KEVIN H

(First)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/02/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

VP, Human Resources

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, CAÂ 95134

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Form:

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LYMAN KEVIN H

101 INNOVATION DRIVE Â Â Â VP, Human Resources Â

SAN JOSE, CAÂ 95134

Signatures

Kevin H. Lyman 11/12/2008

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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