ALTERA CORP Form 4 May 06, 2015

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WATERS JEFFREY

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

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

05/04/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

SVP & GM, Business Unit

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(State)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	3)	Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Unit (5)	<u>(1)</u>	05/04/2015		A		19,560		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	19,560
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(1)	05/04/2015		A		22,821		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	22,821 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WATERS JEFFREY 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

SVP & GM, Business Unit

Signatures

Jeffrey W Waters 05/06/2015

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

The performance restricted stock units ("PRSUs") were granted under Altera's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The exact number of PRSUs (Calculated Shares) that may be earned will be determined by comparing Altera's total shareholder return ("TSR") to the TSR of the Philadelphia Semiconductor Total Return Index (the "Index") immediately preceding and at the end of the three-year period commencing

- (2) May 4, 2015 and ending May 4, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Each 1% difference between Altera's TSR and the Index TSR at the end of the Performance Period will result in a 2% upwards or downwards adjustment to the payout percentage. The number of performance stock units shown in columns 5 and 7 is equal to the maximum number of PRSUs that may be earned. The minimum number of PRSUs that may be earned is zero. Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions set forth in the PRSU award agreement, 100% of the Calculated Shares will vest on May 31, 2018.
- (3) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the shares shall vest at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on such vest date.

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