

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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#### ALTERA CORP

CIK: **768251** | IRS No.: **770016691** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
SIC: **3674** Semiconductors & related devices

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### BERLAN DENIS

CIK: **1209873**  
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-16617** | Film No.: **07569825**

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>BERLAN DENIS</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ALTERA CORP [ALTR]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Executive Vice President &amp; COO / Executive Vice President &amp; COO</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/29/2007</b>			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street)						
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	01/29/2007	01/29/2007	M <sup>(1)</sup>		19,000	A	\$7.6407	484,642	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2007	01/29/2007	S <sup>(2)</sup>		19,000	D	\$20.0378	465,642	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2007	01/29/2007	M <sup>(3)</sup>		9,500	A	\$13.0157	475,142	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2007	01/29/2007	S <sup>(2)</sup>		9,500	D	\$20.039	465,642	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2007	01/30/2007	D <sup>(4)</sup>		6,100	D	\$19.91	459,542	D	
Common Stock								13,280	I	by Son

**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 Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.6407	01/29/2007	01/29/2007	M			19,000	02/01/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/12/2007	Common Stock	19,000	\$20.0378	191,000	D	

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.0157	01/29/2007	01/29/2007	<u>M</u>			9,500	02/01/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/16/2008	Common Stock	9,500	\$20.039	95,500	D	
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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/12/1997.
2. Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.
3. Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/16/1998.
4. Shares withheld to cover taxes for the first vest of three (3) year vestings of RSU award granted 1/30/2006.

**Signatures**

By: Fedenia Presa by Pwr of Attny For: Denis M. Berlan

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/31/2007

Date

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

\* 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).

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