

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 27, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 22, 2011

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-16617  
(Commission  
File Number)

77-0016691  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**101 Innovation Drive, San Jose,**

**California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000**

**95134**  
(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On December 22, 2011, Robert J. Finocchio resigned his position as a director of Altera Corporation. His resignation is effective immediately.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALTERA CORPORATION

/s/ Katherine E. Schuelke  
Katherine E. Schuelke

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated: December 23, 2011