

NELSON MARK JON  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â NELSON MARK JON		(Month/Day/Year)	ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/01/2012	
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAN JOSE,Â CAÂ 95134			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Sr VP, Worldwide Sales	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,122	D	Â

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	Â (2)	Common Stock	11,155	\$ 33.31 (3)	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	Â (2)	Common Stock	11,171	\$ 35.21 (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	Â (5)	Â (2)	Common Stock	39,720	\$ (6)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON MARK JON 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Â	Â	Â Sr VP, Worldwide Sales	Â

## Signatures

MARK JON  
NELSON

08/02/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on May 14, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (2) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.
- (3) The per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an option shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.
- (4) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on July 31, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

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