

ALTERA CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PLOFSKY JORDAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
101 INNOVATION DRIVE  
(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP, Marketing / Senior VP, Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

| 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |  |              |
| Common Stock                    | 03/18/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 40,000 (1)  | A  | (2) 71,862                                 | D            |
| Common Stock                    | 04/30/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 3,575 (3)   | D  | \$ 21.28                                   | 69,355 (4) D |

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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                      |                      |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other                |
| PLOFSKY JORDAN<br>101 INNOVATION DRIVE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | Senior VP, Marketing | Senior VP, Marketing |

## Signatures

Jordan Plofsky                      05/02/2008  
 \_\_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).
- The Board of Directors previously approved a grant on April 30, 2007 of RSUs to which vesting as to 100% of such RSUs would be contingent on the Company achieving net income from continuing operations as a percentage of net sales of 18% or greater for fiscal year
- (1) 2007 (the "Performance Metric"). Upon the achievement of the Performance Metric, 25% of such RSUs shall vest in four equal annual installments beginning April 30, 2008. Effective March 18, 2008, the Board resolved that the Company achieved the Performance Metric for fiscal year 2007. Shares are subject to vesting over a period of time.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock at no cost.
  - (3) Shares withheld to cover taxes on RSU shares released April 30, 2008.
  - (4) Includes 1,068 shares acquired under Altera Corporation 1987 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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