

ALTERA CORP
Form 8-K
July 17, 2007

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): July 11, 2007

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.)

101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

95134
(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

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Item 5.03. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

The Board of Directors of Altera Corporation (the "Company") amended and restated the Company's By-laws (the "By-laws"), effective as of July 11, 2007. Article VI of the By-laws was amended to provide for the issuance of uncertificated shares. The ability to issue uncertificated shares allows the Company to participate in the Direct Registration System, which is currently administered by The Depository Trust Company. The Direct Registration System permits investors to have securities registered in their names without the issuance of physical certificates and allows investors to electronically transfer securities to broker-dealers in order to effect transactions without the risks and delays associated with transferring physical certificates. The full text of the By-laws, as amended and restated, is filed as Exhibit 3.2 hereto, and amended Article VI thereof is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

3.2 By-laws of the Registrant, as currently in effect

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
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: July 16, 2007

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
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