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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Callas James			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(The state of the		
101 INNOVATION DRIVE		E	(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Finance & Corp Controller		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	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. Securit nor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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)
Common Stock	03/02/2010		M(1)	18,333	A	\$ 24.625	20,524	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	18,333	D	\$ 25.1	2,191	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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.625	03/02/2010		M <u>(1)</u>	18,333	02/01/2004	12/20/2010	Common Stock	18

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Callas James

101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134 VP, Finance & Corp Controller

Signatures

James Callas 03/03/2010

**Signature of Person

Date

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).
- (1) The sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on October 15th, 2009.

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