ALTERA CORP Form 8-K February 03, 2010

# 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): February 2, 2010

#### **ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-16617 77-0016691

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

**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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 2, 2010, Altera Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing a 10 million share increase in the number of shares authorized for repurchase under the Company's share repurchase program. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release dated February 2, 2010

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#### **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/ Ronald J. Pasek Ronald J. Pasek Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 3, 2010

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated February 2, 2010

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