

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 \*  
SARKISIAN NATHAN

(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)  
05/08/2006

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)  
Sr Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		10,000	A	\$ 13.0157
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S <sup>(2)</sup>		10,000	D	\$ 21.69
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		10,000	A	\$ 13.0157
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S <sup>(2)</sup>		10,000	D	\$ 21.7
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,170	A	\$ 13.0157

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Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>S</u> (2)	3,170	D	\$ 21.66	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>M</u> (1)	1,830	A	\$ 13.0157	12,904	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>S</u> (2)	1,830	D	\$ 21.66	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>M</u> (1)	15,000	A	\$ 13.0157	26,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>S</u> (2)	15,000	D	\$ 21.73	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>M</u> (1)	20,000	A	\$ 13.0157	31,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>S</u> (2)	20,000	D	\$ 21.75	11,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>M</u> (1)	10,000	A	\$ 13.0157	21,074	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006	<u>S</u> (2)	10,000	D	\$ 21.79	11,074	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006		<u>M</u> (1)	10,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006		<u>M</u> (1)	10,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	10,000

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,170	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,830	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	15,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	15
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0157	05/08/2006	M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	01/01/2003	12/16/2008	Common Stock	10

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SARKISIAN NATHAN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Nathan M.  
Sarkisian

05/09/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting  
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) Exercise of non-qualified stock option granted 12/16/1998.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 Plan.

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