

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 19, 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): March 12, 2010**

**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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 March 12, 2010, John Daane, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Altera Corporation, entered into a plan for trading in Altera's securities, which plan is in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The plan expires on November 30, 2010 or upon the sale of all of the securities covered by the plan, unless the plan is earlier terminated.

**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

Date: March 19, 2010