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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BURICH MISHA			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	(Check an applicable)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE		Æ	(Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP, Research & Development			
(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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Aconor Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and some Amount (D)	(D)	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	04/01/2010		M(1)	20,000 A	\$ 13.91	49,113	D		
Common Stock	04/01/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	20,000 D	\$ 24.5212 (2)	29,113	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. Transactio 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 Secu (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)	\$ 13.91	04/01/2010		M(1)	20,000	12/03/2006	12/03/2012	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURICH MISHA 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP, Research & Development

Signatures

Misha R. Burich 04/02/2010

**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 December 10th, 2009.
- (2) The 20,000 shares were sold in 16 lots ranging from 100 shares to 6,500 shares per lot. The sale price ranged between \$24.43 and \$24.63. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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