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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Morse Timothy

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

ALTERA CORP [altr] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

Sr. Vice President/CFO

C/O ALTERA

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/29/2007 below)

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

CORPORATION, 101 **INNOVATION DRIVE, MS 1302**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and A Underlying S

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.05	01/29/2007		A(1)	400,000	01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	\$ 0 (3)	01/29/2007		A	50,000	01/30/2008(4)	01/29/2017	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Morse Timothy C/O ALTERA CORPORATION 101 INNOVATION DRIVE, MS 1302 SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr. Vice President/CFO

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Signatures

Fedenia Presa by Pwr of Attny for Timothy
Morse

02/01/2007

**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) Exercisable in installments cumulatively with respect to 25% of the shares on the first year anniversary of the grant and with respect to 2.083% of the shares for each month after such anniversary.
- (2) The per share exercise price for the Shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an Option shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of Grant.
- (3) Unless expressly determined otherwise by the Committee, prior services rendered to the Company by Participant shall constitute sufficient consideration for the payment of the par value per RSU (par value being \$.01 per Share).
- (4) The RSU Award shares shall vest and become subject to release over a four (4) year period measured from the date of Award, provided that the Officer continues to serve as an employee or consultant on such dates.

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