BERLAN DENIS Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BERLAN DENIS**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/03/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title below)

Executive Vice President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	05/03/2006		$M_{\underline{(1)}}$	40,000	A	\$ 8.75	504,136	D		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S	40,000	D	\$ 21.7501	464,136	D		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M(1)	20,000	A	\$ 8.75	484,136	D		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S	20,000	D	\$ 21.88	464,136	D		
Common Stock							13,280	I	by Son	

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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)	\$ 8.75	05/03/2006		M(1)	40,000	01/01/2002	12/17/2006	Common Stock	40
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.75	05/03/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	20,000	01/01/2002	12/17/2006	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BERLAN DENIS 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Executive Vice President & COO

Signatures

/s/Denis Berlan 05/04/2006 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 12/17/1996.

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