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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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if no longer

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Section 16.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TERRY WILLIAM E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

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

05/09/2006

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

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

Owned

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and A
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying S
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4
(Instr 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr 8)	Acquired (A)		

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Derivative or Disposed of Security

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V Title (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Non-Qualified

Common **Stock Option** \$ 21.07 05/09/2006 V 10,000 06/01/2006(1) 05/09/2016 Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TERRY WILLIAM E 101 INNOVATION DRIVE X SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Signatures

/s/ William E.

05/09/2006 Terry Date

**Signature of 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).
- Exercisable cumulatively with respect to 8.333% on the first day of the month following the date of grant and then 8.33% on the first day (1) of each month thereafter, provided that the Optionee continues to serve as a Director on such dates.
- 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 **(2)** Value per share on the date of Grant.

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