#### PASEK RONALD J

Form 4

October 31, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr PASEK RONA	*	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 10/30/2012	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP & CFO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			

(City)	(State) (2	Table Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	10/20/2012		M	2.750	٨	Φ.Ω	0.544	D	
Stock	10/30/2012		M	3,750	A	\$ 0	8,544	D	
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Common	10/30/2012		F	1,751	D	\$	6,793	D	
Stock				(1)		30.4	,		

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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	10/30/2012		M	3,750	(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,750	\$

## **Reporting Owners**

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

PASEK RONALD J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Sr VP & CFO

## **Signatures**

RONALD JAMES PASEK 10/31/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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).
- Shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. Because the vesting date of such RSUs occurred on a day on which the NASDAQ Stock Market was closed for trading, the fair market value of Altera common stock used for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the last trading day immediately prior to such vesting date.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- On November 1, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on October 30, 2011. One fourth of the RSUs vested on October 30, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.
- (4) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.

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