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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> BOWMA			2. Date of Event Require Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/30/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
101 INNOVATION DRIVE (Street) SAN JOSE, CA 95134				X Director Officer	(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I	- Non-Derivat	ive Securitio	es Beneficia	eneficially Owned			
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity			nt of Securities ally Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of 1 Ownership (Instr. 5)	Indirect Beneficial			
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ï	Table II - Der	rivative Secu	rities Beneficially Owned	d (e.g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, converti	ible securities)			
1. Title of Deri (Instr. 4)	vative Securi	Expir	ration Date Secu /Day/Year) Deri	itle and Amount of urities Underlying ivative Security tr. 4)	4. Conversio or Exercis Price of		(Instr. 5)			

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Title

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Derivative

Security

Amount or

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Security:

Direct (D)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
BOWMAN A BLAINE 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures					
ARTHUR BLAINE BOWMAN	07/3				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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