

ALTERA CORP  
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Registration No. 333-81787

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Post-Effective Amendment No. 1**

to

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**77-0016691**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**101 Innovation Drive**  
**San Jose, California 95134**  
**(408) 544-7000**

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(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip code)

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**1996 Stock Option Plan**

(Full title of the plans)

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**JOHN P. DAANE**

**President and Chief**

**Executive Officer**

**Altera Corporation**

**101 Innovation Drive**

**San Jose, California 95134**

(Name and address of agent for service)

**(408) 544-7000**

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Post-Effective Amendment No.1 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Commission File No. 333-81787), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on June 29, 1999 (the Prior Registration Statement ) by Altera Corporation (the Registrant ) relating to 2,500,000 shares of common stock of the Registrant reserved for issuance under the Altera Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan (the 1996 Plan ).

On May 10, 2005, the Registrant s stockholders approved the Altera Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2005 Plan ) that replaces the 1996 Plan and the Altera Corporation 1998 Director Stock Option Plan (the Director Plan ). Under the terms of the 2005 Plan, the Registrant carried forward 10,619,500 shares of its common stock that were previously authorized but remained unissued under the 1996 Plan and the Director Plan (the Unissued Shares ). The Unissued Shares were registered in a Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to the 2005 Plan and filed with the SEC on June 17, 2005 (Commission File No. 333-125904) (the New Registration Statement ). The portion of the filing fee paid in connection with the Prior Registration Statement relating to the shares being deregistered hereby was carried over to the New Registration Statement.

The Registrant is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to deregister all securities previously registered under the Prior Registration Statement that remain unissued.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Jose, State of California, on July 19, 2005.

ALTERA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Nathan M. Sarkisian

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 Nathan M. Sarkisian,  
 Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____ /s/ John P. Daane _____ John P. Daane	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 19, 2005
_____ /s/ Nathan M. Sarkisian _____ Nathan M. Sarkisian	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	July 19, 2005
_____ * _____ Charles M. Clough	Director	July 19, 2005
_____ Robert J. Finocchio, Jr.	Director	July __, 2005
_____ Kevin McGarity	Director	July __, 2005
_____ * _____ Paul Newhagen	Director	July 19, 2005

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* _____ Robert W. Reed	Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Lead Independent Director	July 19, 2005
* _____ William E. Terry	Director	July 19, 2005
_____ Susan Wang	Director	July __, 2005

\* By: /s/ Nathan M. Sarkisian  
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Nathan M. Sarkisian  
Attorney-in-Fact