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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Callas James

ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

___ Director _____ 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Acting CFO and CAO

(Street) 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

Person

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (I) Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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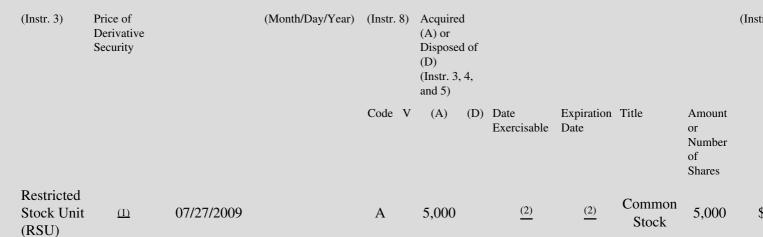
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deri Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu any

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Callas James

101 INNOVATION DRIVE Acting CFO and CAO

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Signatures

James Callas 07/28/2009

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Altera common stock at no cost.
- (2) Subject to the reporting person's continued employment, twenty-five percent of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest and become deliverable over a four (4) year period beginning July 31, 2010.

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