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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> PASEK F	-		2. Date of Event Requ Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALTERA CORP [ALTR]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/21/2009		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
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^(Street) SAN JOSE, CA 95134			(Ch		Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Derivati	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity			ount of Securities cially Owned 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Ir Ownership (Instr. 5)	direct Beneficial		
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Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
PASEK RONALD J 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Â	Â	Sr Vice President & CFO	Â	
Signatures					
Ronald Pasek 12/2	23/2009				
<u>**</u> 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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