

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2009

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

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 13, 2009

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-16617**  
(Commission  
File Number)

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

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**101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**95134**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

By letter dated January 13, 2009, Altera Corporation ( Altera ) notified Arrow Electronics Inc. ( Arrow ) that effective January 20, 2009, Altera is terminating the Inventory Advances Arrangement Letter Agreement dated October 15, 2004 between Altera and Arrow (the Agreement ). The Agreement was filed as Exhibit 10.35 to Altera s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March 11, 2005. Pursuant to the Agreement, Altera made certain non-interest bearing cash advances to Arrow, its distributor. The Agreement was terminated as the original purpose is no longer relevant. Arrow continues to be Altera s distributor.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALTERA CORPORATION

/s/ Timothy R. Morse  
Timothy R. Morse

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 19, 2009