

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 24, 2012

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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): July 24, 2012

ALTERA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 0-16617<br>(Commission File Number) | 77-0016691<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 95134<br>(Zip Code) |
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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 24, 2012, Altera Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2012. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 19, 2012, the Company's board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per common share, up from the previous dividend of \$0.08 per share. The quarterly dividend will be paid on September 4, 2012 to stockholders of record on August 10, 2012.

On July 20, 2012, the Company's board of directors approved an increase in the number of shares of common stock authorized for purchase under the Company's stock repurchase program from 193,000,000 shares to 203,000,000 shares.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated July 24, 2012

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**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/ Ronald J. Pasek

Ronald J. Pasek  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 24, 2012

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated July 24, 2012 |
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