

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2008

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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): May 13, 2008

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)
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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.)

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  - “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On May 12, 2008, Altera Corporation (the “Company”) announced the election of Krish A. Prabhu to serve as a new member of the Company’s board of directors and compensation committee, effective May 13, 2008. Mr. Prabhu most recently was Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of Tellabs. Mr. Prabhu will participate in the non-employee director compensation arrangements described in the Company’s 2008 proxy statement. He will receive an annual cash retainer of \$50,000 for his service on the board of directors and an annual cash retainer of \$10,000 for his service on the compensation committee. As a new non-employee director, Mr. Prabhu received a stock option grant of 40,000 shares upon first becoming a director. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Prabhu’s election is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 12, 2008

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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/ Katherine E. Schuelke

Katherine E. Schuelke

Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated: May 14, 2008

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated May 12, 2008