

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2004

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2004**

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**ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

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

**77-0016691**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

**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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 20, 2004, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2004

**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/ Nathan Sarkisian  
Nathan Sarkisian  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 20, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 20, 2004