

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): March 11, 2004

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 0-16617                     | 77-0016691                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>file number) | (I.R.S. employer<br>identification no.) |
| 101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California        |                             | 95134                                   |
| (Address of principal executive offices)          |                             | (Zip Code)                              |

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

**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On March 11, 2004, Altera Corporation posted on its website a business update for the March quarter. A copy of the business update is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**SIGNATURE**

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

By: /s/ Nathan Sarkisian

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Nathan Sarkisian

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 11, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Business Update dated March 11, 2004 |