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Form 8-K
January 26, 2004

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 26, 2004

ALTERA CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-16617

77-0016691

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
file number)

(I.R.S. employer
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 5. Other Events.

On January 26, 2004, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing an increase in the number of shares authorized for repurchase under the company's share repurchase program. A copy of the press release 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

Nathan Sarkisian

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 26, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated January 26, 2004