

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2010

**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, 2010**

**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)

(IRS 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**

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 January 26, 2010, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter of 2009. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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

(d) Exhibits.

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release dated January 26, 2010 |
|------|--------------------------------------|

**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: January 26, 2010

---

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press release dated January 26, 2010 |