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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 reports

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 30, 2012

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.)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b)

On August 29, 2012, Jordan S. Plofsky, an executive officer of Altera Corporation, announced his retirement from the semiconductor industry. Mr. Plofsky's last day of employment at Altera will be September 14, 2012.

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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 Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary

Dated: August 30, 2012