ALTERA CORP Form 8-K April 19, 2012

UNITED STATES SE1CURITIES 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): April 19, 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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- o 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 April 19, 2012, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of 2012. 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 April 19, 2012

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: April 19, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description 99.1 Press release dated April 19, 2012