# **UNITED STATES**

	Washington, D.C. 20549	OMMISSION
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant to Section 13	or 15(d) of the Securities Exch	ange Act of 1934
Date of Report (I	Date of earliest event reported): July	21, 2004
	A CORPORATI ne of Registrant as specified in its charter)	
Delaware te or other jurisdiction	0-16617 (Commission file number)	77-0016691 (I.R.S. employer
of incorporation)  Innovation Drive, San Jose, California		identification no.) 95134

101 Inn (Address of principal executive offices)

(State or

(Zip Code)

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#### Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 21, 2004, Altera Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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#### **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: July 21, 2004

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description	
99.1	Press Release dated July 21, 2004	