FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Kowal Jan | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2017 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Altair Engineering Inc. [ALTR] | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| (Last) C/O ALTAIR | (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALTAIR ENGINEERING INC. | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) X Director | | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| 1820 E. BIG BEAVER ROAD | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spe | | Applic | able Line) | /Group Filing (Check |
| (Street) TROY | MI | 48083 | | | | | | | X | | y One Reporting Person y More than One erson |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securitie Underlying Derivative Security | | | 4. Convers or Exerc | ion ise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivativ Security | /e | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Stock Option (| right to buy) | | (1) | 12/15/2024 | Cla | ass A Common Stock | 20,000 | 3.79 | | D | |
| Stock Option (| right to buy) | | (2) | 06/09/2027 | Cla | ass A Common Stock | 4,000 | 5.18 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option became exercisable as to 50% of the shares on December 15, 2015 and the remaining shares vested on December 15, 2016. This option is currently fully vested.
- 2. The option becomes exercisable as to 50% of the shares on June 9, 2018 and the remaining shares vest on June 9, 2019.

Remarks:

Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

<u>/s/ Jan Kowal</u> <u>10/31/2017</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Known by all those present, that Jan Kowal hereby constitutes and appoints each of Raoul K. Maitra, Steven M. Rivkin, and Brian Gayle as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact with respect to Altair Engineering Inc. to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4, and 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's designated substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Sections 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the each foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 13th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Jan Kowal

Name: Jan Kowal

Sworn and subscribed before me on October 13, 2017 by Jan Kowal.

/s/ Stephanie M. Roehrig

Stephanie M. Roehrig, Notary Public

Oakland County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: October 4, 2021

Acting in Oakland County