

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CARLTON DONALD M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/04/2013

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION, 11500 NORTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/04/2013		M	11,250 A \$ 16.1111	46,280	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2013		S	11,250 D \$ 29.4665	35,030	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.1111 (2)	02/04/2013		M	11,250	(1) 05/13/2013	Common Stock	11,250 (2) (3)

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARLTON DONALD M  
C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION  
11500 NORTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY  
AUSTIN, TX 78759

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## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Donald M. Carlton

02/05/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

(1) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

(2) This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$36.25. On February 20, 2004, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 2,500 additional shares.

(3) On February 22, 2011, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 3,750 additional shares.

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