

Porterfield Robert  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Porterfield Robert                      |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]                                      |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 11/01/2004                           |  |  |
| 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY                      |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   |  |
|   |         |                                      | Vice President   |  |
| AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78759                        |         |                                      |  |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 18,287  | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

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|   |                           |            |                 | Shares |            | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |           |
|---|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/13/1995 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/13/2005 | Common<br>Stock | 4,725  | \$ 4.2963  | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/20/1996 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/20/2006 | Common<br>Stock | 5,062  | \$ 5.9259  | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1997 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/19/2007 | Common<br>Stock | 4,387  | \$ 9.6297  | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1998 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/19/2008 | Common<br>Stock | 1,350  | \$ 15.3055 | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1998 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/19/2008 | Common<br>Stock | 3,375  | \$ 15.3055 | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/24/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/24/2009 | Common<br>Stock | 2,250  | \$ 12.2222 | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/22/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/22/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 3,000  | \$ 32.0833 | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/21/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/21/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 6,000  | \$ 21.0417 | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 04/16/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> | 04/16/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 3,000  | \$ 20.12   | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/24/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/24/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 4,000  | \$ 29.85   | D                 | Â         |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/13/1995 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/13/2005 | Common<br>Stock | 4,725  | \$ 4.2963  | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/20/1996 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/20/2006 | Common<br>Stock | 4,725  | \$ 5.9259  | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1997 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/19/2007 | Common<br>Stock | 11,812 | \$ 9.6297  | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1997 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/19/2007 | Common<br>Stock | 1,687  | \$ 9.6297  | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1998 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/19/2008 | Common<br>Stock | 1,350  | \$ 15.3055 | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/19/1998 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/19/2008 | Common<br>Stock | 7,874  | \$ 15.3055 | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/24/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/24/2009 | Common<br>Stock | 4,499  | \$ 12.2222 | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/22/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/22/2010 | Common<br>Stock | 6,000  | \$ 32.0833 | I                 | by Spouse |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/21/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/21/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 6,000  | \$ 21.0417 | I                 | by Spouse |
|   | 04/16/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> | 04/16/2013 |                 | 3,000  | \$ 20.12   | I                 | by Spouse |

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|   |                           |            |                 |       |            |   |           |  |
|---|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|------------|---|-----------|--|
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) |                           |            | Common<br>Stock |       |            |   |           |  |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/24/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/24/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 4,000 | \$ 29.85   | I | by Spouse |  |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | 03/20/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/20/2012 | Common<br>Stock | 1,500 | \$ 27.9467 | D | Â         |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Porterfield Robert<br>11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY<br>AUSTIN, TX 78759 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Robert  
Porterfield

11/04/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Options vest and become exercisable ratably over a 60-month period from the date of the grant.
- (2) Options vest and become exercisable after the date of grant based on time and performance milestones set by the Company.

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