

Starkloff Eric Howard
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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 *
 Starkloff Eric Howard

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION, 11500 NORTH MOPAC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/22/2019

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 President & COO

(Street)
 AUSTIN, TX 78759

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/22/2019		A	16,625 A \$ 0	84,188	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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/22/2019		A	16,625	<u>(1)</u> 05/01/2034	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Starkloff Eric Howard C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION 11500 NORTH MOPAC AUSTIN, TX 78759			President & COO	

Signatures

R. Eddie Dixon, Jr. as attorney-in-fact for Eric H. Starkloff	01/24/2019
**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) The number of performance-based restricted stock units ("PRsUs") reported in Table II represents the target number of PRsUs that were granted to the reporting person pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. Per the terms of the award agreement governing the PRsUs, the number of underlying shares of the Issuer's common stock that the reporting person is ultimately entitled to receive at the time of vesting ranges from 0% to 200% of the target number of PRsUs granted, subject to how the Issuer's total shareholder return ranks in comparison to companies that comprise the Russell 2000 Index over a performance period consisting of the three years ended December 31, 2021.

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