

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 *
GRAFF JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS, 11500 MOPAC BLDG B

(Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/28/2006		M		1,227 A \$ 9.6297	60,386	D
Common Stock	02/28/2006		M		1,358 A \$ 15.3055	61,744	D
Common Stock	02/28/2006		M		2,415 A \$ 15.3055	64,159	D
Common Stock	02/28/2006		S		5,000 D \$ 32.6188	59,159	D

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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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6297	02/28/2006		M	1,227	<u>(1)</u> 03/19/2007	Common Stock	28,934
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.3055	02/28/2006		M	1,358	<u>(2)</u> 03/19/2008	Common Stock	2,025
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.3055	02/28/2006		M	2,415	<u>(1)</u> 03/19/2008	Common Stock	19,575

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRAFF JOHN C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 11500 MOPAC BLDG B AUSTIN, TX 78759			Vice President	

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for John
Graff

03/01/2006

__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 vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

(2) Options vest and become exercisable ratably over a 60-month period from the date of the grant.

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