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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Porterfield Robert Issuer Symbol NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS (Check all applicable) CORP /DE/ [NATI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 04/25/2008 Vice President CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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

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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securi nor Dispo (Instr. 3, | sed of | ` ' | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | (A) | | Reported Transaction(s) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2009 | | M | V | 357 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 18.2495 | 38,757 | I | by Spouse |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2009 | | M | V | 340 (1) | A | \$ 18.2495 | 39,097 | I | by Spouse |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 2,054 | A | <u>(2)</u> | 41,151 | I | by Spouse |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 3,021 | A | <u>(2)</u> | 44,172 | D | |

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

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | orDerivativ Securitie Acquired Disposed | 5. Number of definition of the following securities and the following securities are defined as the following securities and the following securities are definitions. Securities are definition of the following securities and the following securities are definitions and the following securities are definitions as the following securities are definitely securities as the following securities are definitely securities | | Date | 7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 04/25/2008 | | A | 5,000 (3) | | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2023 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 04/25/2008 | | A | 5,000 (3) | | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2023 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 04/22/2009 | | A | 4,000 | | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2024 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 04/22/2009 | | A | 4,000 | | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2024 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 483 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2020 | Common Stock | 2,506 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 363 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2021 | Common Stock | 2,231 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 604 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2022 | Common Stock | 4,360 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 604 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2023 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/01/2009 | | M | | 1,209 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2020 | Common Stock | 6,267 |

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| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 05/01/2009 | M | 604 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2021 | Common Stock | 3,718 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|---|-----|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/01/2009 | M | 604 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2022 | Common Stock | 4,360 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/01/2009 | M | 604 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/01/2023 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Porterfield Robert C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY AUSTIN, TX 78759

Vice President

Signatures

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

Porterfield

05/05/2009

**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) Acquisition of stock under Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock unit award was inadvertently not filed after it was granted on April 25, 2008.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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