NATCO GROUP INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address SMITH C FRAN	of Reporting Person * K	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	2.0	NATCO GROUP INC [NTG]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (F	First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
		(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O NATCO GROUP INC., 2950		09/02/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
NORTH LOOP WEST, SUITE 700		07/02/2002	below) below)		
1(0111112001 (1201, 00112 700			Executive Vice President		
(S	treet)	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		
HOUSTON, TX 77092			Form filed by More than One Reporting		
110051011, 121	. 10,2		Person		

(State) 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common stock	09/01/2005		M	21,225	A		41,409 (1)	D	
Common stock	09/01/2005		S	13,800	D	\$ 21.5	27,609	D	
Common stock	09/01/2005		S	3,000	D	\$ 22	24,609	D	
Common stock	09/01/2005		S	1,300	D	\$ 22.25	23,309	D	
Common stock	09/01/2005		S	1,000	D	\$ 21.51	22,309	D	

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Common stock	09/01/2005	S	725	D	\$ 22.42 21,584	D
Common stock	09/01/2005	S	700	D	\$ 22.35 20,884	D
Common stock	09/01/2005	S	500	D	\$ 22.3 20,384	D
Common stock	09/01/2005	S	200	D	\$ 21.52 20,184	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27	09/01/2005		M	21,225	12/07/2002 <u>(2)</u>	12/07/2010	Common stock	21,225

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH C FRANK C/O NATCO GROUP INC. 2950 NORTH LOOP WEST, SUITE 700 HOUSTON, TX 77092			Executive Vice President			

Signatures

Charles Frank 09/02/2005 Smith

Reporting Owners 2 **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).
- Direct ownership includes an aggregate of 5,590 shares purchased through a participant-directed defined contribution employee benefit plan and 11,040 shares of restricted stock subject to performance-based restrictions.
- Options vested in one-quarter increments on the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. Date exercisable given is the date of the first such anniversary for such option. The number indicated represents all currently vested options in this grant.

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