

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â BLANCHARD ROBERT W (Last) (First) (Middle)  10000 RICHMOND AVENUE (Street)  HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77042 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2005	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC [NOV]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP, Cntrlr, Chf Acctg Offer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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	927	D	Â
Common Stock	142	I	by 401(K) Plan

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	127	\$ (2)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	03/11/2005	01/29/2013	Common Stock	2,649	\$ 20.07	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	03/11/2005	01/28/2014	Common Stock	4,293	\$ 26.17	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/26/2006(3)	01/26/2015	Common Stock	5,686	\$ 36.34	D	Â

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANCHARD ROBERT W 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE HOUSTON, TX 77042	Â	Â	Â VP, Cntrlr, Chf Acctg Offcr	Â

### Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Robert W. Blanchard  
 Date: 05/24/2005  
 \_\_Signature of Reporting Person

### 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) The Phantom Stock is payable in cash or common stock following termination of the reporting person's employment with the Issuer; subject to earlier withdrawal or transfer in accordance with the terms of the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) This option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.

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