

Hester Phillip D
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Hester Phillip D
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATIONAL
INSTRUMENTS
CORPORATION,Â 11500
NORTH MOPAC
(Street)

AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78759
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

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)

No securities are beneficially owned

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

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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

4. Conversion
or Exercise

5. Ownership
Form of

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hester Phillip D C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION 11500 NORTH MOPAC AUSTIN, TX 78759	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

Signatures

Phillip D. Hester 12/17/2009

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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