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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **RAZDAN ASH**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

11500 NORTH MOPAC, BLDG C

03/17/2010

below) Dir Corp Dev & Ofc of Pres

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

AUSTIN, TX 78759

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativ | e Secu | ırities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Secur or Dispo (Instr. 3, | osed of 4 and (A) or | ` ′ | 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) |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2010 | | M | 9,368 (1) | A | \$ 21.0417 | 62,796 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2010 | | S | 9,368 (2) | D | \$ 33.9 | 53,428 | 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.0417 | 03/17/2010 | | M | 9,368 (1) | (3) | 03/21/2011 | Common Stock | 9,368 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RAZDAN ASH

11500 NORTH MOPAC, BLDG C Dir Corp Dev & Ofc of Pres

AUSTIN, TX 78759

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Ash
Razdan
03/19/2010

**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) Shares were exercised under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.
- (2) Shares were sold under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.
- (3) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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