#### TRUCHARD JAMES J

Form 4

November 18, 2004

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

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading TRUCHARD JAMES J Issuer Symbol NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS (Check all applicable) CORP /DE/ [NATI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X Director X 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 11/17/2004 President CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, BLDG. B (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 78759-3504 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired (A) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 8,500 \$ Common 11/17/2004 S D 16,824,491 D (1) 29.6868 Stock by The Truchard Common 8,500 11/17/2004 S D 1,548,950 I Stock (1) 29.6868 Descendants' Trust

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 | 2. Conversion                            | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) |                      | 4.              | 5.<br>onNumber   | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D |                    | 7. Tit | le and                                 | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu<br>Deriv  |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--|------------------------|---|
| Security (Instr. 3)    | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Teat)                     | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | (Month/Day/<br>e              |                    | Unde   | rlying                                 | Security (Instr. 5)    | Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|                        |  |                                      |                      | Code V          | 4, and 5) (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable           | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                        |   |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address     | Relationships |           |           |       |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |  |  |  |
| TRUCHARD JAMES J                   |               |           |           |       |  |  |  |
| C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP      | X             | X         | President |       |  |  |  |
| 11500 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, BLDG. B |               | Λ         | President |       |  |  |  |
| AUSTIN, TX 78759-3504              |               |           |           |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for James J.

Truchard

11/18/2004

\*\*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 sold under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.

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