DEHNE TIMOTHY R

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

DEHNE TIMOTHY R Symbol NATIO			or realise date from or fracting				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) C/O NATIO INSTRUM BLDG B	` ,	(Middle) OPAC		of Earliest T Day/Year) 2005	ransaction			Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
	(Street)			onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
AUSTIN, TX 78759								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of	(D)	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	01/28/2005			F	7,301	D	\$ 25.29	51,898	D		
Common Stock	01/28/2005			M	3,375	A	\$ 5.9259	55,273	D		
Common Stock	01/28/2005			M	26,625	A	\$ 5.9259	81,898	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	\$ 5.9259	01/28/2005		M	3,375	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2006	Common Stock	3,375
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.9259	01/28/2005		M	26,625	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2006	Common Stock	26,625

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEHNE TIMOTHY R C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 11500 MOPAC BLDG B AUSTIN, TX 78759

Senior Vice President

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Timothy
Dehne
02/01/2005

**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) Options vest and become exercisable ratably over a 60-month period from the date of the grant.
- (2) Options vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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