

Porterfield Robert
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Porterfield Robert

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/30/2006

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

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/30/2006		M	3,432 A \$ 5.9259	21,437	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		M	4,725 A \$ 5.9259	26,162	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		S	8,157 D \$ 35	18,005	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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.9259	01/30/2006		M	3,432	⁽¹⁾ 03/20/2006	Common Stock	3,432
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.9259	01/30/2006		M	4,725	⁽¹⁾ 03/20/2006	Common Stock	4,725

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Porterfield Robert 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY AUSTIN, TX 78759			Vice President	

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Robert Porterfield 02/01/2006

__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.

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