TRUCHARD JAMES J

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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 02/09/2006 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 5,250 \$ Common 02/09/2006 S D 16,707,791 D (1) 32.0114 Stock by The Truchard Common 5.250 02/09/2006 S D 1,432,125 I Stock (1) 32.0114 Descendants' Trust

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

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

Truchard

02/10/2006

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

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