

ALMGREN RAY
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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 *
ALMGREN RAY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
CORP /DE/ [NATI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2005

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

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS, 11500 MOPAC BLDG B

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/01/2005		F	4,020	D \$ 27.34	55,971	D
Common Stock	02/01/2005		M	2,700	A \$ 5.9259	58,671	D
Common Stock	02/01/2005		M	15,843	A \$ 5.9259	74,514	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.9259	02/02/2005		M	2,700	<u>(1)</u> 03/20/2006	Common Stock 2,700
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.9259	02/02/2005		M	15,843	<u>(2)</u> 03/20/2006	Common Stock 15,843

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALMGREN RAY C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 11500 MOPAC BLDG B AUSTIN, TX 78759			Vice President	

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Raymond Almgren
02/02/2005

__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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