

THAXTON GREGORY A  
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 \*  
THAXTON GREGORY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORDSON CORP [NDSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
28601 CLEMENS ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/26/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President, CFO

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 11/26/2018                           |  | A                              | 1,500 A \$ 0  | 50,426  | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 11/26/2018                           |  | A                              | 3,000 A \$ 0  | 53,628  | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,256   | I  | By Company Savings <sup>(3)</sup>   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,400   | I  | By Company ESOP Plan <sup>(4)</sup> |

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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 Options (right to buy)      | \$ 14.37   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 12/04/2018   | Common Stock 7,475  |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy)      | \$ 27.26   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 12/03/2019   | Common Stock 11,250   |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy)      | \$ 43.32   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 12/07/2020   | Common Stock 11,400   |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy)      | \$ 43.73   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 11/28/2021   | Common Stock 13,000   |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy)      | \$ 61.59   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 11/28/2022   | Common Stock 11,000   |
| Employee Stock Options                     | \$ 71.75   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 11/25/2023   | Common Stock 11,000   |

|                                       |           |            |   |        |     |            |              |        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---|--------|-----|------------|--------------|--------|
| (right to buy)                        |           |            |   |        |     |            |              |        |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 79.66  |            |   |        | (5) | 11/24/2024 | Common Stock | 12,200 |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 70.91  |            |   |        | (6) | 11/23/2025 | Common Stock | 17,200 |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 107.65 |            |   |        | (7) | 11/21/2026 | Common Stock | 14,000 |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 127.67 |            |   |        | (8) | 11/20/2027 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 124.9  | 11/26/2018 | A | 11,800 | (9) | 11/26/2028 | Common Stock | 11,800 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| THAXTON GREGORY A<br>28601 CLEMENS ROAD<br>WESTLAKE, OH 44145 |               |           | Senior Vice President, CFO |       |

## Signatures

Gina A. Beredo,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/28/2018

           \*\*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) On November 26, 2018, the Company awarded 1,500 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares will vest on each of November 26, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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On November 26, 2018, the Company awarded 3,000 performance shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan, which represent the right to receive shares contingent upon the achievement of performance measures over a 3-year performance period.

- (2) Shares that are earned upon the attainment of the applicable performance targets settle in January 2022. The ultimate number of shares earned is subject to adjustment based on actual performance. The holdings include 202 shares acquired through dividend payments and participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.
- (3) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (4) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (5) All such options have fully vested

On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 17,200 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

- (7) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 14,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2017. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

- (8) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 12,500 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 20, 2018. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

- (9) On November 26, 2018, the Company awarded 11,800 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 26, 2019. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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