

Starkloff Eric Howard
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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 *
 Starkloff Eric Howard

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION, 11500 NORTH MOPAC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Street)
 AUSTIN, TX 78759

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2018		M	V 265 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 34.7565	32,599	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2018		M	16,592 A ⁽²⁾	49,191	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2018		F	4,129 D \$ 40.0676	45,062	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
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	391	(3) 05/01/2024	Common Stock	391
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	830	(3) 05/01/2026	Common Stock	830
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	830	(3) 05/01/2027	Common Stock	830
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	830	(3) 05/01/2028	Common Stock	830
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	1,660	(3) 05/01/2029	Common Stock	1,660
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	2,767	(3) 05/01/2030	Common Stock	2,767
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	3,034	(3) 05/01/2031	Common Stock	3,034
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/01/2018		M	6,250	(4) 05/01/2032	Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Starkloff Eric Howard C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION 11500 NORTH MOPAC AUSTIN, TX 78759			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Eric H. Starkloff	05/03/2018
__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) Acquisition of stock under Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
 - (3) The restricted stock units vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.
 - (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments on the anniversary of the vesting commencement date of May 1, 2017.

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