NATIONAL OILWELL INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RETTIG DWIGHT W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL OILWELL INC [NOI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First) (Middle) 3. Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2005			Direc X Office below)		% Owner ner (specify	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(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, any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	4. Securiti nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and 4	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amou
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Secur
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.6	02/07/2005		A	10,000	02/07/2006	02/08/2015	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.6	02/07/2005		A	10,000	02/07/2007	02/08/2015	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.6	02/07/2005		A	10,000	02/07/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RETTIG DWIGHT W

Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Dwight W.

Rettig 02/08/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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