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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * THIGPEN JEREMY D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL OILWELL INC [NOI] | | | Issuer | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--------------|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) (| (Month | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2005 | | | DirectorX Officer (g | | % Owner ner (specify | |
| | (Street) | Filed(M | 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) Ta | ble I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities A | cquired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) or of (D |) | 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) |

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 | Transactio | 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 o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | f | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | 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 | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| THIGPEN JEREMY D | | | Group President | | | | |

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Jeremy D.
Thigpen
02/08/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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