

DANIELS R GARY  
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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 \*  
DANIELS R GARY

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)  
02/01/2006

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 1,200 A \$ 18.7639  | 4,219  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500 A \$ 24.0067  | 11,719   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500 A \$ 25.5267  | 19,219   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 16,200 D \$ 32.6658   | 3,019  | D   |

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 18.7639   | 02/01/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,200   | <sup>(1)</sup> 07/22/2009                                | Common Stock  | 1,200                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 24.0067   | 02/01/2006                           |  | M                              | 7,500   | <sup>(2)</sup> 05/30/2011                                | Common Stock  | 7,500                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 25.5267   | 02/01/2006                           |  | M                              | 7,500   | <sup>(3)</sup> 05/14/2012                                | Common Stock  | 7,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DANIELS R GARY<br>C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS<br>11500 MOPAC BLDG B<br>AUSTIN, TX 78759 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for R. Gary Daniels  
02/02/2006

\_\_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) The options vest and become exercisable according to a time-based schedule over a 36-month period, beginning July 22, 1999.

(2) The options vest and become exercisable according to a time-based schedule over a 36-month period, beginning May 30, 2001.

(3) The options vest and become exercisable according to a time-based schedule over a 36-month period, beginning May 14,2002.

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