**ALMGREN RAY** Form 4 April 08, 2010

### FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALMGREN RAY		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 11500 NORTH	(First) (Middle)  I MOPAC BLDG C	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/06/2010	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President		
	(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		
AUSTIN, TX	78759		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securionor Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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)
Common Stock	04/06/2010		M	7,347 (2)	A	\$ 21.0417	38,353	D	
Common Stock	04/06/2010		S	7,347 (1)	D	\$ 34.9638	31,006	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 out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and L Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.0417	04/06/2010		M	7,347	(3)	03/21/2011	Common Stock	15,000	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

**ALMGREN RAY** 

11500 NORTH MOPAC BLDG C Vice President

AUSTIN, TX 78759

# **Signatures**

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Ray Almgren 04/08/2010

\*\*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) Shares were sold under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.
- (2) Shares were exercised under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.
- (3) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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