

NATIONAL OILWELL INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 DAVIS HOWARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL OILWELL INC [NOI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/07/2005

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President and CAO

(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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (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 Num 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 |
| DAVIS HOWARD E | | | Vice President and CAO | |

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Howard E. Davis 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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