

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 DUNN BYRON A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/11/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President - Bus. Dev.

C/O HARVEST NATURAL RESOURCES, INC., 1177 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, SUITE 300

(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
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HOUSTON, TX 77077

(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)	(A) or (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	03/11/2005		M		16,666	\$ 28.22	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2005		S		5,000	\$ 48.07	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2005		S		5,000	\$ 48.05	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2005		S		366	\$ 48.12	D	
	03/11/2005		S		500	\$ 48.1	D	

Common
Stock

Common Stock 03/11/2005 S 5,800 D \$ 48.03 0 D

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.22	03/11/2005		M	16,666	03/11/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 03/12/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUNN BYRON A C/O HARVEST NATURAL RESOURCES, INC. 1177 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77077			Vice President - Bus. Dev.	

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Byron A. Dunn 03/14/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This option vests in three equal annual installments beginning March 11, 2005.

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