

Porterfield Robert  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Porterfield Robert		(Month/Day/Year)	NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		11/01/2004		
11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78759			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			Vice President	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	18,287	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/13/1995 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/13/2005	Common Stock	4,725	\$ 4.2963	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/20/1996 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2006	Common Stock	5,062	\$ 5.9259	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1997 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/19/2007	Common Stock	4,387	\$ 9.6297	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1998 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/19/2008	Common Stock	1,350	\$ 15.3055	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/19/2008	Common Stock	3,375	\$ 15.3055	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/24/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/24/2009	Common Stock	2,250	\$ 12.2222	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/22/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/22/2010	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 32.0833	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/21/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/21/2011	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 21.0417	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/16/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/16/2013	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 20.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/24/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/24/2014	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 29.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/13/1995 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/13/2005	Common Stock	4,725	\$ 4.2963	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/20/1996 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2006	Common Stock	4,725	\$ 5.9259	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1997 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/19/2007	Common Stock	11,812	\$ 9.6297	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1997 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/19/2007	Common Stock	1,687	\$ 9.6297	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1998 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/19/2008	Common Stock	1,350	\$ 15.3055	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/19/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/19/2008	Common Stock	7,874	\$ 15.3055	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/24/1999 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/24/2009	Common Stock	4,499	\$ 12.2222	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/22/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/22/2010	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 32.0833	I	by Spouse
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/21/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/21/2011	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 21.0417	I	by Spouse
	04/16/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/16/2013		3,000	\$ 20.12	I	by Spouse

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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)			Common Stock					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/24/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/24/2014	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 29.85	I	by Spouse	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/20/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2012	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 27.9467	D	Â	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Porterfield Robert 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY AUSTIN, TX 78759	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Robert Porterfield 11/04/2004

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Options vest and become exercisable ratably over a 60-month period from the date of the grant.
- (2) Options vest and become exercisable after the date of grant based on time and performance milestones set by the Company.

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