

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/
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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 *
GRAFF JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
 CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC BLDG C

(Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
 CORP /DE/ [NATI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
08/01/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2008 | | M | V | 250 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 25.007 59,073 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/08/2008 | | M | | 4,941 | A | \$ 12.2222 64,014 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/08/2008 | | S | | 4,941 | D | \$ 35 59,073 | 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 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.2222 | 08/08/2008 | | M | 4,941 | (2) 03/24/2009 | Common Stock | 7,125 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRAFF JOHN
C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP
11500 N. MOPAC BLDG C
AUSTIN, TX 78759

Vice President

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for John Graff

08/11/2008

__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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(1) Acquisition of stock under Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.

(2) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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