

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
 Porterfield Robert

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY  
 (Street)

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

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

AUSTIN, TX 78759

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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(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 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) |        |   |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------|---|-----------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |        |   |           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/01/2008                           |  | M                              | V   | 254 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 25.007   | 37,982 | D |           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/01/2008                           |  | M                              | V   | 247 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 25.007   | 38,229 | I | by Spouse |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 2,250   | A  | \$ 12.2222  | 40,479 | D |           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 2,250   | D  | \$ 35.46  | 38,229 | D |           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 4,500   | A  | \$ 12.2222  | 42,729 | I | by Spouse |

Common Stock 08/08/2008 S 4,500 D \$ 35 38,229 I by Spouse

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                              | 2,250   | <sup>(2)</sup> 03/24/2009                                | Common Stock  | 2,250                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 12.2222   | 08/08/2008                           |  | M                              | 4,500   | <sup>(3)</sup> 03/24/2009                                | Common Stock  | 4,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Porterfield Robert<br>C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP<br>11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY<br>AUSTIN, TX 78759 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Robert R.  
Porterfield

08/12/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Acquisition of stock under Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.
  - (2) Options vested and became exercisable ratably over a 60-month period from the date of the grant.
  - (3) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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