

TRUCHARD JAMES J  
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 \*  
TRUCHARD JAMES J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2010

AUSTIN, TX 78759-3504  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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) |   |                                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |   |                                    |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |  |   |                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2010                           |  | S                              | 2,000<br>(1)  | D   | \$ 37.365  | 15,685,463                                 | I | by The Truchard Revocable Trust    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2010                           |  | S                              | 2,000<br>(1)  | D   | \$ 37.365  | 409,797                                    | I | by The Truchard Descendants' Trust |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2010                           |  | S                              | 3,250<br>(1)  | D   | \$ 37.6922   | 15,685,213                                 | I | by The Truchard                    |



## 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) Shares were sold under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.

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