

GRAFF JOHN
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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

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)
Vice President

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2011

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/02/2010		M	A	7,511	\$ 1	80,219 (3) D
Common Stock	05/02/2010		F	D	1,990	\$ 30.32	78,229 D
Common Stock	05/02/2010		M	V	267	\$ 23.9757	78,496 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
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	2,504	(2) 05/01/2020	Common Stock	6,087 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,252	(2) 05/01/2021	Common Stock	3,921 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,252	(2) 05/01/2022	Common Stock	4,884 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,502	(2) 05/01/2023	Common Stock	7,013 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,001	(2) 05/01/2024	Common Stock	5,400 (3)

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

05/03/2011

__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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.
- (3) On February 22, 2011, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of additional shares of common stock.

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