

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/
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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 *
CARLTON DONALD M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/04/2013

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

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION, 11500 NORTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY

(Street)

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

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(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	02/04/2013		M		\$ 11,250	A	46,280	D
Common Stock	02/04/2013		S		\$ 11,250	D	35,030	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.1111 (2)	02/04/2013		M	11,250	(1) 05/13/2013	Common Stock	11,250 (2) (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARLTON DONALD M
C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION
11500 NORTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY
AUSTIN, TX 78759

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Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Donald M. Carlton

02/05/2013

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

(2) This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$36.25. On February 20, 2004, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 2,500 additional shares.

(3) On February 22, 2011, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 3,750 additional shares.

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