

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>RETTIG DWIGHT W</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC [NOI]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/09/2005</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Vice Pres. &amp; Gen. Counsel</b>
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M	2,955 A \$ 22.5625	6,871	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M	4,814 A \$ 40.5	11,685	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M	6,667 A \$ 18.53	18,352	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M	20,000 A \$ 20.14	38,352	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		S	255 D \$ 48.81	38,097	D	

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Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 48.76	35,397	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	4,814	D	\$ 48.7	30,583	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	7,067	D	\$ 48.77	23,516	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	6,300	D	\$ 48.73	17,216	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 48.75	15,916	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	200	D	\$ 48.71	15,716	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	7,800	D	\$ 48.68	7,916	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	300	D	\$ 48.73	7,616	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	3,700	D	\$ 48.74	3,916	D	
Common Stock						2,058	I	by 401(K) Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.53	03/09/2005		M	6,667	01/30/2004 01/31/2012	Common Stock

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.14	03/09/2005	M	20,000	02/14/2005	02/15/2013	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5625	03/09/2005	M	2,955	02/22/2003	02/23/2010	Common Stock	2,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.5	03/09/2005	M	4,814	02/14/2004	02/15/2011	Common Stock	4,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RETTIG DWIGHT W			Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel	

## Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Dwight W. Rettig

03/11/2005

                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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