

Farnsworth Bradley P  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Farnsworth Bradley P (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O NATCO GROUP INC., Â 2950 N. LOOP WEST, SUITE 700 (Street)  HOUSTON, Â TX Â 77092 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/09/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATCO GROUP INC [NTG]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP & Chief Financial Officer	5. 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
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	8,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock options, right to buy	Â (2)	10/09/2016	Common stock	15,000	\$ 28.815	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Farnsworth Bradley P C/O NATCO GROUP INC. 2950 N. LOOP WEST, SUITE 700 HOUSTON, TX 77092	Â	Â	Â SVP & Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

Bradley P.  
Farnsworth

10/11/2006

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) All shares are restricted. Restrictions will lapse as to these shares, awarded on October 9, 2006, in three installments, on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Restrictions may lapse sooner upon a change in control or in the event Mr. Farnsworth completes the initial two-year term of his employment agreement but does not enter into a new employment agreement at the end of such term.

(2) These options will vest in three installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, October 9, 2006. The options may sooner vest upon a change in control or in the event Mr. Farnsworth completes the initial two-year term of his employment agreement but does not enter into a new employment agreement at the end of such term.

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