

NORDSON CORP  
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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 \*  
THAXTON GREGORY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORDSON CORP [NDSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
28601 CLEMENS ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2016

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

Senior Vice President, CFO

(Street)  
WESTLAKE, OH 44145

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

(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/23/2016		F		376	D	\$ 109.14
Common Stock	11/24/2016		F		282	D	\$ 109.95
Common Stock	11/25/2016		F		282	D	\$ 109.95
Common Stock							
					1,381	I	
					7,201	I	

By  
Company  
ESOP Plan  
(4)

Common  
Stock

By  
Company  
Savings  
Plan <sup>(5)</sup>

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.46					<u>(6)</u> 12/05/2017		Common Stock	3,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.37					<u>(6)</u> 12/04/2018		Common Stock	13,100
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.26					<u>(6)</u> 12/03/2019		Common Stock	11,250
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.32					<u>(6)</u> 12/07/2020		Common Stock	11,400
	\$ 43.73					<u>(6)</u> 11/28/2021			13,000



## 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) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 2,400 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on November 23, 2016, and one-third will vest on each of November 23, 2017 and 2018. 376 of the 800 shares that vested November 23, 2016 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.
- (2) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 1,800 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on each of November 24, 2015 and 2016, and one-third will vest on November 24, 2017. 282 of the 600 shares that vested November 24, 2016 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.
- (3) On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 1,800 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on each of November 25, 2014, 2015, and 2016. 282 of the 600 shares that vested November 25, 2016 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.
- (4) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c). The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (5) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c). The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (6) All such options have fully vested
- (7) On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 11,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 25, 2014. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (8) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 12,200 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 24, 2015. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (9) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 17,200 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (10) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 14,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2017. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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