

Porterfield Robert  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Porterfield Robert

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)  
  
11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2008

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

AUSTIN, TX 78759  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | V 296 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 22.831                                      | 32,796  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | V 271 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 22.831                                      | 33,067  | I  | by Spouse                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 4,095 A <u>(2)</u>  | 37,162  | 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                     | (2)  | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 1,279   | (3) 05/01/2020   | Common Stock  | 7,546                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 640   | (3) 05/01/2021   | Common Stock  | 4,358                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 640   | (3) 05/01/2022   | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 512   | (3) 05/01/2020   | Common Stock  | 3,018                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 384   | (3) 05/01/2021   | Common Stock  | 2,615                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 05/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 640   | (3) 05/01/2022   | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Porterfield Robert<br>11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY<br>AUSTIN, TX 78759 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert  
Porterfield

05/05/2008

\_\_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) Acquisition of stock under Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
  - (3) The restricted stock units vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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