

DEHNE TIMOTHY R  
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 \*  
DEHNE TIMOTHY R

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)  
11/03/2008

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

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS  
CORP, 11500 NORTH MOPAC  
BLDG C

(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 or Disposed of (A) or (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	11/03/2008		M	V	166 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 21.59 61,830 D
Common Stock	11/24/2008		M		8,178	A	\$ 20.12 70,008 D
Common Stock	11/24/2008		S		200	D	\$ 22.746 69,808 D
Common Stock	11/24/2008		S		100	D	\$ 22.752 69,708 D
	11/24/2008		S		400	D	69,308 D

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Common Stock					\$	22.755	
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 22.93	68,308	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	300	D	\$ 22.96	68,008	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 22.97	67,008	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	483	D	\$ 23	66,525	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 23.1	65,525	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	1,221	D	\$ 23.11	64,304	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	396	D	\$ 23.15	63,908	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	600	D	\$ 23.23	63,308	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	100	D	\$ 23.16	63,208	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	200	D	\$ 23.25	63,008	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	680	D	\$ 23.26	62,328	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	400	D	\$ 23.27	61,928	D
Common Stock	11/24/2008	S	98	D	\$ 23.29	61,830	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3, 4,  
and 5)

	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)			\$ 20.12	11/24/2008	M	8,178	(2) 04/16/2013	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEHNE TIMOTHY R C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP 11500 NORTH MOPAC BLDG C AUSTIN, TX 78759			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Timothy R. Dehne	11/26/2008
**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) Options vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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