

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
TRUCHARD JAMES J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
 CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC
 EXPRESSWAY, BLDG. B

(Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78759-3504

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
04/12/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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) | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/12/2006 | | S | | 2,625 (1) | D | \$ 33.2604 16,663,166 D |
| Common Stock | 04/13/2006 | | S | | 2,625 (1) | D | \$ 32.8978 16,660,541 D |
| Common Stock | 04/12/2006 | | S | | 2,625 (1) | D | \$ 33.2604 1,387,500 I |
| Common Stock | 04/13/2006 | | S | | 2,625 | D | \$ 1,384,875 I |

by The Truchard Descendants' Trust

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| Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 32.8978 | Truchard Descendants' Trust |
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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TRUCHARD JAMES J C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP 11500 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, BLDG. B AUSTIN, TX 78759-3504 | X | X | President | |

Signatures

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| David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for James J. Truchard | 04/14/2006 |
| **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) Shares were sold under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.

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