

NORDSON CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>CAMPBELL, EDWARD P.</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>28601 CLEMENS ROAD</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>WESTLAKE, OH 44145</b> |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>NORDSON CORPORATION - NDSN</b> |  | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>12/13/02</b> |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br>Other (specify below)<br><b>PRESIDENT &amp; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</b> |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)    |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) |  | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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 & 5) |            |         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 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 SHARES                   | 12/13/02                               | 12/16/02  | I                              |   | 725   | A          | \$23.67 | 28,701   | I  | BY 401(K) PLAN  |
| COMMON SHARES                   | 12/13/02                               |   | P                              |   | 150   | A          | \$23.68 |  |  |   |
| COMMON SHARES                   | 12/16/02                               |   | P                              |   | 750   | A          | \$23.61 | 7,077 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion or | 3. Trans- | 3A. Deemed | 4. Trans- | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Owner- | 11. Nature of Indirect |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3) | Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | action<br>Date<br>(Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | Execution<br>Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | action<br>Code<br>(Instr.<br>8) | of  |      | Date<br>Month/Day/<br>Year | Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 & 4) |  | Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | ship<br>Form<br>of Deriv-<br>ative<br>Security:<br>Direct<br>(D)<br>or<br>Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|---|------|----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|                        |  |  |  |                                 | Derivative<br>Securities<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br><br>(Instr.<br>3, 4 &<br>5) | Date |                            | Title                                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                         |  |   |                                       |
|                        |  |  |  |                                 | Code  | V    | (A)                        | (D)  | Date<br>Exer-cisable                   | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date |  |   |                                       |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 2,506 shares thru Co. Excess Retirement Plan.

By: /s/ **Robert E. Veillette, Attorney-In-Fact**

**12/16/02**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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