

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/

Form 4

August 08, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DEHNE TIMOTHY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATIONAL
INSTRUMENTS, 11500 MOPAC
BLDG B

(Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
CORP /DE/ [NATI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/04/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/04/2006		M		8,000	A	\$ 9.6297 70,715
Common Stock	08/04/2006		S		4,000	D	\$ 27.9669 66,715
Common Stock	08/04/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 28.0191 64,715
Common Stock	08/04/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 28.0691 63,715
	08/04/2006		S		1,000	D	62,715

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Common \$
Stock 28.0084

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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6297	08/04/2006		M	8,000	<u>(1)</u> 03/19/2007	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Timothy
Dehne 08/08/2006

__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) Options vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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