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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FINGER MARK Issuer Symbol NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS (Check all applicable) CORP /DE/ [NATI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 02/01/2011 Vice President CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC BLDG C (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **AUSTIN, TX 78759** (City) (State)

(City)	(State)	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. Transa Code (Instr.				(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/01/2011		M	V	203	A	\$ 29.5545	26,181	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2011		M		7,261	A	(1)	46,532 (3)	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2011		F		1,924	D	\$ 30.32	44,608	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2011		M	V	250	A	\$ 23.9757	44,858	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)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	2,5	504	(2)	05/01/2020	Common Stock	6,087 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,2	252	(2)	05/01/2021	Common Stock	3,921 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,2	252	(2)	05/01/2022	Common Stock	4,884 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,2	252	(2)	05/01/2023	Common Stock	5,844 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2011		M	1,0	001	(2)	05/01/2024	Common Stock	5,400 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

FINGER MARK C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP 11500 N. MOPAC BLDG C AUSTIN, TX 78759

Vice President

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Date

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Mark Finger 05/03/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.
- (3) On February 22, 2011, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of additional shares of common stock.

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