Hester Phillip D Form 4 May 03, 2013

# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Hester Phillip D S				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
	(Month/I C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 05/01/2 CORPORATION, 11500 NORTH			e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year) /2013				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
AUSTIN,	(Street)  TX 78759		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				- -	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	05/01/2013			M	8,982	A	<u>(1)</u>	8,982	D		
Common Stock	05/01/2013			F	2,473	D	\$ 26.9585	6,509	D		
Common Stock	05/02/2013			S	6,509	D	\$ 26.6572	0	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. 5. Number 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) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2013		M	5,215	<u>(2)</u>	05/01/2024	Common Stock	31,303
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2013		M	2,318	(2)	05/01/2026	Common Stock	17,252
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2013		M	1,449	(2)	05/01/2027	Common Stock	12,500

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keittonsnips					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Hester Phillip D C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION 11500 NORTH MOPAC AUSTIN, TX 78759

Senior Vice President

Relationshins

## **Signatures**

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Phillip D.
Hester

05/03/2013

\*\*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) 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.

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