Raudins Eric J Form 4 September 09, 2005

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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)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Raudins Eric J | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | National Interstate CORP [NATL] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| 3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE | (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2005 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Personal Lines | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| RICHFIELD, OH 44286 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (6:) | | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative S | ecuriti | ies Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---|---|---|--|---|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 09/08/2005 | | M | 30,005 | A | \$ 1.25 | 54,005 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.25 | 09/08/2005 | | M | 14,005 | 01/01/2004 | 01/01/2011 | Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 14,005 |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.25 | 09/08/2005 | | M | 16,000 | 01/01/2005 | 01/01/2011 | Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 16,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Owner Nume / Muuress | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Raudins Eric J

3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE VP, Personal Lines RICHFIELD, OH 44286

Signatures

/s/ Eric J.

Raudins 09/09/2005

**Signature of Date 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) Not Applicable
- (2) None of Mr. Raudin's remaining options are currently exercisable.

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