

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DAVERN ALEXANDER M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC BLDG C
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/01/2008

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

AUSTIN, TX 78759

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	08/01/2008		M	V	177 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 25.007	3,886	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2008		M		10,000	A	\$ 12.2222	13,886	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2008		S		10,000	D	\$ 35	3,886	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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.2222	08/08/2008		M	10,000	<u>(2)</u>	03/24/2009	Common Stock	28,778

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVERN ALEXANDER M C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP 11500 N. MOPAC BLDG C AUSTIN, TX 78759			CFO & Senior Vice President	

Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Alexander M. Davern

08/11/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Acquisition of stock under Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.

(2) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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