NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K November 04, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

October 29, 2013

National Instruments Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-25426 (Commission File Number) 74-1871327 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11500 North MoPac Expressway Austin, Texas 78759 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(512) 338-9119

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange

Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 29, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") of National Instruments Corporation ("NI") approved a payment under the NI Annual Incentive Plan of \$43,719 to the estate of Phillip D. Hester, NI's Senior Vice President, Research and Development who passed away on September 17, 2013. Since Mr. Hester's employment period did not include all of 2013, the Committee used its discretionary authority under the plan to approve such payment.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

By:/s/ DAVID G. HUGLEY David G. Hugley Vice President & General Counsel; Secretary

Date: November 4, 2013