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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
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(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NATCO GROUP INC [NTG]

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) C/O NATCO GROUP INC., 2950 06/22/2006 NORTH LOOP WEST, SUITE 700

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77092

stock (1)

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common stock -2,700 A 06/22/2006 Α 14,423 (2) D restricted

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)

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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. Transactio 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 37.785	06/22/2006		A	4,763	(3)	06/22/2016	Common stock	4,763

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CURCIO ROBERT A C/O NATCO GROUP INC. 2950 NORTH LOOP WEST, SUITE 700 HOUSTON, TX 77092			Senior Vice President			

Signatures

Robert A.
Curcio

**Signature of 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).

Restrictions on this grant of restricted stock lapse (a) as to all of the shares on August 15, 2009, provided that the Company has achieved an earnings per share of at least \$2.25 calculated on a trailing twelve months basis as of the last day of a quarter, for three consecutive

(1) served as an employee from the date of the award until such date or, (b) if earlier, pursuant to the applicable incentive plan or upon occurrence of a Corporate Change as defined in such plan, provided, in either case, that the employee has been continuously employed by the Company or a subsidiary on such date or the date of such Corporate Change. The shares are subject to forfeiture upon termination of employment prior to the time the restrictions lapse or if the performance restrictions are not met on or before August 15, 2009.

quarters; provided further that (i) earnings per share may be normalized in certain circumstances and (ii) the recipient has continuously

- (2) Direct ownership includes an aggregate of 12,423 shares of restricted stock subject to performance-based restrictions, including the shares reported in this transaction.
- (3) Stock options vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to continued employment by the Company or a subsidiary on the applicable date. The first third will vest on June 22, 2007.

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