

Porterfield Robert  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Porterfield Robert

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2011

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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/01/2011		M			7,261	A	Ⓛ	70,874	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2011		M			5,257	A	Ⓛ	76,131	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	05/02/2011		M	V	297	\$ 23.9757	A		76,428	I	by Spouse

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,001	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2020	Common Stock	2,435 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	751	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2021	Common Stock	2,352 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,252	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2022	Common Stock	4,884 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,252	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2023	Common Stock	5,844 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,001	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2024	Common Stock	5,400 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	2,504	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2020	Common Stock	6,087 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,252	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2021	Common Stock	3,921 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,252	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2022	Common Stock	4,884 <u>(3)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,252	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2023	Common Stock	5,844 <u>(3)</u>
	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2011		M	1,001	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2024		

Restricted  
Stock  
Units

Common 5,400  
Stock (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Porterfield Robert C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP 11500 N. MOPAC EXPWY AUSTIN, TX 78759			Vice President	

## Signatures

David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for Robert R.  
Porterfield

05/04/2011

\_\_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.
- (3) On February 22, 2011, the common stock of National Instruments Corporation split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of additional shares of common stock.

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