

NORDSON CORP

Form 4

November 30, 2015

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MERK GREGORY P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

28601 CLEMENS ROAD

(Street)

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**NORDSON CORP [NDSN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/25/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 11/25/2015                              |                                                             | F                                    | 184                                                                 | D \$<br>72.29                                                                                                      | 37,930                                                               | D <sup>(1)</sup>                                                  |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 203                                                                                                                | I                                                                    | By<br>Company<br>Savings<br>Plan <sup>(2)</sup>                   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                             | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 24.39                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3)                                                            | 11/22/2016         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 7,000                               |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 26.46                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3)                                                            | 12/05/2017         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 13,600                              |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 14.37                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3)                                                            | 12/04/2018         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 22,800                              |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 27.26                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3)                                                            | 12/03/2019         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 12,200                              |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 43.32                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3)                                                            | 12/07/2020         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 9,000                               |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 43.73                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3)                                                            | 11/28/2021         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 10,000                              |                                   |
| Employee<br>Stock                                   | \$ 61.59                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (4)                                                            | 11/28/2022         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 7,600                               |                                   |

Options  
(right to  
buy)

## Employee Stock

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Options<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 71.75 |
|------------------------------|----------|

(5)

11/25/2023

Common  
Stock

7,600

Employee  
Stock

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Options<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 79.66 |
|------------------------------|----------|

(6)

11/24/2024

Common  
Stock

8.300

Employee  
Stock

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Options<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 70.91 |
|------------------------------|----------|

(7)

11/23/2025

Common  
Stock

13,400

## Reporting Owners

## Relationships

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MERK GREGORY P  
28601 CLEMENS ROAD  
WESTLAKE, OH 44145

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

11/30/2015

**\*\*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) On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 1,300 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on each of November 25, 2014 and 2015, and one-third will vest on November 25, 2016. 184 of the 433 shares that vested November 25, 2015 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings include 1,292 shares acquired through participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan, and are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(2) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c). The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities

(3) All such options have fully vested.

(4) On November 28, 2012, the Company awarded 7,600 stock options under the Company's Long-Term Performance Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 28, 2013. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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(5) On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 7,600 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 25, 2014. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(6) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 8,300 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 24, 2015. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(7) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 13,400 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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