

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**TRUCHARD JAMES J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS  
 CORP, 11500 N. MOPAC  
 EXPRESSWAY, BLDG. C

(Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78759-3504

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/14/2008**

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)  
**President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2008                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 15,000<br>(1)<br>30.6726   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/15/2008                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 69,000<br>(1)<br>30.7874   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2008                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 15,000<br>(1)<br>30.6726   | I  | by The Truchard Descendants' Trust         |
| Common Stock                    | 05/15/2008                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 69,000<br>(1)<br>30.7874   | I  | by The                                     |

|       |            |         |                                   |
|-------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 30.7874 | Truchard<br>Descendants'<br>Trust |
|-------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------|

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu...                   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| TRUCHARD JAMES J<br>C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP<br>11500 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, BLDG. C<br>AUSTIN, TX 78759-3504 | X             | X         | President |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact for James J. Truchard | 05/15/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person                           | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares were sold under Reporting Person's 10(b)5-1 Plan.

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