

Starkloff Eric Howard  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 * Â Starkloff Eric Howard (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION,Â 11500 NORTH MOPAC (Street)  AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78759 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	388	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	03/24/2014	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 19.9	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2020	Common Stock	1,220	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2021	Common Stock	1,639	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2022	Common Stock	2,602	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2023	Common Stock	3,562	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2024	Common Stock	3,575	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2026	Common Stock	6,470	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2027	Common Stock	7,500	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	05/01/2028	Common Stock	7,500	\$ (3)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Starkloff Eric Howard C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION 11500 NORTH MOPAC AUSTIN, TX 78759	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Eric Howard  
Starkloff

05/03/2013

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options vested and became exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.

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(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.

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