

ORTEGA JORGE A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
ORTEGA JORGE A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NATIONAL HOLDINGS CORP  
[NHLD.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/17/2009

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

3010 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL, SUITE 300

(Street)

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

BOCA RATON, FL 33431

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                          | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)                        | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |                 |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                          |                      | Code            | V                                                               | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0.7                                   | 03/17/2009           | A               |                                                                 | 10,000           |                  | 09/17/2009       | 03/17/2014      | Common Stock | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ORTEGA JORGE A<br>3010 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL<br>SUITE 300<br>BOCA RATON, FL 33431 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Jorge A. Ortega                      03/19/2009  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Granted in accordance with the issuer's stock option plan, the options vest 100% six months after the grant date.

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