NATIONAL OILWELL INC
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 *
THIGPEN JEREMY D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL OILWELL INC [NOI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Group President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nu of S |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | $ 37.6 | 02/07/2005 | | A | | 10,000 | | 02/07/2006 | 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 10 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | $ 37.6 | 02/07/2005 | | A | | 10,000 | | 02/07/2007 | 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 10 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | $ 37.6 | 02/07/2005 | | A | | 10,000 | | 02/07/2008 | 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 10 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THIGPEN JEREMY D | | | Group President | |

# Signatures

| By: M. Gay Mather For: Jeremy D. Thigpen | 02/08/2005 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

# Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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