

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC
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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 *
 STRATULATE GARY W

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/09/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Group President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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		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)			
Common Stock	03/09/2005		S		4,600	D	\$ 48.80	0	D
Common Stock	03/10/2005		M		9,629	A	\$ 40.5	9,629	D
Common Stock	03/10/2005		M		3,036	A	\$ 33	12,665	D
Common Stock	03/10/2005		M		20,000	A	\$ 20.14	32,665	D
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		12,665	D	\$ 48.03	20,000	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.14	03/10/2005		M	20,000	02/14/2005 02/15/2013	Common Stock 20,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33	03/10/2005		M	3,036	07/21/2003 07/22/2010	Common Stock 3,036
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.5	03/10/2005		M	9,629	02/14/2004 02/15/2011	Common Stock 9,629

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STRATULATE GARY W			Group President	

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Gary W. Stratulate 03/11/2005

**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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