

NORDSON CORP  
Form 4  
August 29, 2016

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MERK GREGORY P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

28601 CLEMENS ROAD

(Street)

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**NORDSON CORP [NDSN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/29/2016**

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)

Senior Vice 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/29/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 19,800                                                                  | A \$ 14.37 59,715                                                                                                  | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/29/2016                              |                                                             | S                                    | 19,800                                                                  | D \$ 100.24 39,915                                                                                                 | D <sup>(2)</sup>                                                        |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 363                                                                                                                | I                                                                       | By<br>Company<br>Savings<br>Plan <sup>(3)</sup>                   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 14.37                                                              | 08/29/2016                              |                                                             | M                                       | 19,800                                                                                                       | <u>(4)</u>                                                     | 12/04/2018         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 19,800                              |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 27.26                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              | <u>(4)</u>                                                     | 12/03/2019         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 12,200                              |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 43.32                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              | <u>(4)</u>                                                     | 12/07/2020         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 9,000                               |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 43.73                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              | <u>(4)</u>                                                     | 11/28/2021         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 10,000                              |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$ 61.59                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              | <u>(5)</u>                                                     | 11/28/2022         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 7,600                               |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(right to           | \$ 71.75                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              | <u>(6)</u>                                                     | 11/25/2023         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 7,600                               |

buy)

Employee

Stock

Options \$ 79.66

(right to

buy)

(7)

11/24/2024

Common  
Stock

8,300

Employee

Stock

Options \$ 70.91

(right to

buy)

(8)

11/23/2025

Common  
Stock

13,400

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| MERK GREGORY P<br>28601 CLEMENS ROAD<br>WESTLAKE, OH 44145 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

08/29/2016

\*\*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) Price reflected is the weighted-average sale price for shares sold. The shares were sold in multiple transactions, and the range of sale prices for the transactions reported was \$100.00 to \$100.54. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or any staff member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Exercise of reporting person's stock options that otherwise expire December 4, 2018, of which shares were sold to pay the exercise price, to cover withholding taxes, and to pay broker fees and commissions, pursuant to a broker-assisted cashless exercise. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.

(3) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c). The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

(4) All such options have fully vested.

(5) On November 28, 2012, the Company awarded 7,600 stock options under the Company's Long-Term Performance Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 28, 2013. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(6) On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 7,600 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 25, 2014. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(7) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 8,300 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 24, 2015. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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- On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 13,400 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The
- (8) options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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