

MERK GREGORY P  
Form 4  
December 04, 2017

**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)  
11/30/2017

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 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) 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 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			
Common Stock	11/30/2017		F		189	D \$ 128.36	49,237	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		A		4,107	A \$ 0	53,344	D <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock							364	I	By Company Savings 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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.26					<u>(4)</u>	12/03/2019	Common Stock	12,200	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.32					<u>(4)</u>	12/07/2020	Common Stock	9,000	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.73					<u>(4)</u>	11/28/2021	Common Stock	10,000	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 61.59					<u>(4)</u>	11/28/2022	Common Stock	7,600	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 71.75					<u>(4)</u>	11/25/2023	Common Stock	7,600	
Employee Stock Options	\$ 79.66					<u>(5)</u>	11/24/2024	Common Stock	8,300	

(right to  
buy)

Employee  
Stock

Options \$ 70.91

(6)

11/23/2025

Common  
Stock

13,400

(right to  
buy)

Employee  
Stock

Options \$ 107.65

(7)

11/21/2026

Common  
Stock

10,000

(right to  
buy)

Employee  
Stock

Options \$ 127.67

(8)

11/20/2027

Common  
Stock

9,000

(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

12/04/2017

        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) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 1,350 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on November 30, 2017, and one-third will vest on each of November 30, 2018 and 2019. 189 of the 450 shares that vested November 30, 2017 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.

(2) Award of performance share units under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan that were earned upon the achievement of performance measures over a 3-year performance period ended October 31, 2017. 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).

(4) All such options have fully vested.

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

(7) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 10,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2017. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(8) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 9,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 20, 2018. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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