

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC
 Form 4
 March 11, 2005

FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RETTIG DWIGHT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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)
Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M			2,955	A	\$ 22.5625	6,871	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M			4,814	A	\$ 40.5	11,685	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M			6,667	A	\$ 18.53	18,352	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M			20,000	A	\$ 20.14	38,352	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005		S			255	D	\$ 48.81	38,097	D	

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Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 48.76	35,397	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	4,814	D	\$ 48.7	30,583	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	7,067	D	\$ 48.77	23,516	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	6,300	D	\$ 48.73	17,216	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 48.75	15,916	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	200	D	\$ 48.71	15,716	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	7,800	D	\$ 48.68	7,916	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	300	D	\$ 48.73	7,616	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2005	S	3,700	D	\$ 48.74	3,916	D	
Common Stock						2,058	I	by 401(K) Plan

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.53	03/09/2005		M	6,667	01/30/2004 01/31/2012	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.14	03/09/2005	M	20,000	02/14/2005	02/15/2013	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5625	03/09/2005	M	2,955	02/22/2003	02/23/2010	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.5	03/09/2005	M	4,814	02/14/2004	02/15/2011	Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RETTIG DWIGHT W			Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel	

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Dwight W.
 Rettig 03/11/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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