

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 \*  
 LAULETTA JOHN F

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/20/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman

HOUSTON, TX 77042

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 (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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/20/2005		S	1,300	D \$ 42.46	89,693	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005		S	2,500	D \$ 42.47	87,193	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005		S	2,500	D \$ 42.48	84,693	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005		S	700	D \$ 42.49	83,993	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005		S	11,300	D \$ 42.5	72,693	D

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Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	400	D	\$ 42.52	72,293	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	700	D	\$ 42.53	71,593	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 42.54	69,393	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	27,203	D	\$ 42.55	42,190	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	6,200	D	\$ 42.56	35,990	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	100	D	\$ 42.58	35,890	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 42.6	33,890	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	7,300	D	\$ 42.61	26,590	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	700	D	\$ 42.62	25,890	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	6,900	D	\$ 42.75	18,990	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 42.75	17,890	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 42.78	16,290	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	5,100	D	\$ 42.8	11,190	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	800	D	\$ 42.81	10,390	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 42.84	9,390	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	500	D	\$ 42.85	8,890	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	200	D	\$ 42.86	8,690	D
Common Stock	05/20/2005	S	2,800	D	\$ 42.87	5,890	D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.75	05/20/2005		M	55,953	03/11/2005 01/30/2012	Common Stock	55,953	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.07	05/20/2005		M	145,850	03/11/2005 01/29/2013	Common Stock	145,850	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAULETTA JOHN F 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE HOUSTON, TX 77042	X		Chairman	

## Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: John F. Lauletta

05/23/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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