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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 6, 2010

National Instruments Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-25426 (Commission 74-1871327 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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11500 North MoPac Expressway

Austin, Texas 78759

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(512) 338-9119

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Pursuant to Dr. James J. Truchard s request, on October 6, 2010, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of National Instruments Corporation (NI) approved a decrease to Dr. Truchard s annual base salary from \$200,000 to \$1, effective as of October 1, 2010. Dr. Truchard is the President, Chief Executive Officer, and Cofounder of NI.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ DAVID G. HUGLEY David G. Hugley

Vice President & General Counsel; Secretary

Date: October 6, 2010