

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

July 17, 2014

<u>Via Facsimile</u>
Jeremy D. Thigpen
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
National Oilwell Varco, Inc.
7909 Parkwood Circle Drive
Houston, TX 77036

Re: National Oilwell Varco, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

Filed February 14, 2014

File No. 1-12317

Dear Mr. Thigpen:

We refer you to our comment letter dated June 25, 2014 regarding business contacts with Syria, Sudan and Cuba. We have completed our review of this subject matter. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cecilia Blye

Cecilia Blye, Chief Office of Global Security Risk

cc: Roger Schwall
Assistant Director
Division of Corporation Finance