

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>REESE MARK A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE (Street) HOUSTON TX 77042 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC [NOV]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Group President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2006	

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	05/08/2006		M		10,000	A	\$20.14	10,000	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M		10,000	A	\$28.22	20,000	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M		10,000	A	\$37.6	30,000	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S		30,000	D	\$69.01	0	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.14	05/08/2006		M			10,000	02/14/2006	02/15/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	0	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.22	05/08/2006		M			10,000	03/11/2005 ⁽¹⁾	03/12/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	10,000	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.6	05/08/2006		M			10,000	02/07/2006 ⁽¹⁾	02/08/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	20,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options vest in three (3) equal annual installments commencing on the date indicated.

By: Raymond W. Chang For: Mark A. Reese 05/08/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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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