

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STRATULATE GARY W</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) _____ (Street) _____ (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) <u>Group President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/21/2005</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	03/21/2005		M		20,000	A	\$10.1551	20,000	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		M		10,000	A	\$28.22	30,000	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		5,500	D	\$49	24,500	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		1,400	D	\$49.02	23,100	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		2,600	D	\$49.03	20,500	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		300	D	\$49.04	20,200	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		3,800	D	\$49.05	16,400	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		5,000	D	\$49.05	11,400	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		1,400	D	\$49.07	10,000	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		1,300	D	\$49.2	8,700	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		500	D	\$49.22	8,200	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		2,600	D	\$49.23	5,600	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		100	D	\$49.24	5,500	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		500	D	\$49.25	5,000	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		5,000	D	\$49.27	0	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		M		466	A	\$10.5244	466	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		M		310	A	\$10.1551	776	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S		776	D	\$49.22	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)	\$10.1551	03/21/2005		M			20,000	01/04/2000	01/04/2010	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	310	D

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$28.22	03/21/2005		M			10,000	03/11/2005	03/12/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	20,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$10.5244	03/22/2005		M			466	12/14/1998	12/14/2008	Common Stock	466	\$0	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$10.1551	03/22/2005		M			310	01/04/2000	01/04/2010	Common Stock	310	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

M. Gay Mather for Gary W. Stratulate

03/23/2005

** 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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