FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ANSARY HUSHANG |  |                   |  |   |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL OILWELL INC [ NOI ]        |   |  |   |        |   |   |         | (Che                                | elationshi<br>eck all app<br>X Direc  | olicable)              | rting Pe  | erson(s) to<br>10%                    | Issuer<br>Owner |
|--|--|-------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--------|---|---|---------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| (Last)<br>1000 LO  | (Fii<br>UISIANA,   | rst) ( SUITE 5900 | Middle)                                    |   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/07/2003                            |   |  |   |        |   |   |         |                                     | Offic<br>belov  | cer (give title<br>ow) |   | Other (specify below)                 |                 |
| (Street) HOUST(  |  |                   | 77002<br>Zip)                              |   | _ 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |   |  |   |        |   |   |         | Line                                | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                        |   |                                       |                 |
|  |  | Tabl              | e I - No                                   | on-Deriv                                | /ative  | Sec  | uritie                                  | s Ac   | quired  | l, Dis | sposed o  | f, or E                                     | Benefic | ciall                               | y Owne  | ed                     |   |                                       |                 |
| =: :: o: ocou; (o o)                                     |  |                   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a 5) |        |   | and Securities Beneficially Owned Following |         | s<br>ally<br>ollowing               | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   |                        | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                              |                                       |                 |
|  |  |                   |  |   |   |  |   |  | Code  | v      | Amount  | (A) c                                       | Price   | e                                   | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 a   | ion(s)                 |   |                                       | (Instr. 4)      |
| Common Stock 11/   |  |                   |  | 11/07/                                  | 7/2003  |  |   |  | G   |        | 15,000  | D   | \$      | 0                                   | 232   | ,174                   | I   |                                       | by Trust        |
| Common Stock   |  |                   |  | 11/07/2003                              |   |  |   |  | G   |        | 30,000  | D   | \$      | 0                                   | 202   | ,174                   |   | I                                     | by Trust        |
| Common Stock   |  |                   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |        |   |   |         |                                     | 650,496   |                        | D   |                                       |                 |
| Common Stock   |  |                   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |        |   | 4   |         | 4,160                               |   |                        | by<br>Foundation  |                                       |                 |
|  |  | Та                | ble II -                                   |   |   |  |   |  |   |        | osed of,<br>convertib   |   |         |                                     | Owned   |                        |   |                                       |                 |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | perivative Conversion Date Execution or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |                   | on Date,                                   | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | 6. Date Exerci<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Yo |   | ite    | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares |   | 3 t     | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4)                            | e<br>s<br>Illy         | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                 |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

By: M. Gay Mather For: Hushang Ansary

11/07/2003

\*\* 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).
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