

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC
 Form 4
 March 23, 2005

FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 STRATULATE GARY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC [NOV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/21/2005

___ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ___ 10% Owner
 ___ Other (specify below)
 Group President

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	03/21/2005		M		20,000	A	\$ 10.1551	20,000	D	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 28.22	30,000	D	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		5,500	D	\$ 49	24,500	D	Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		1,400	D	\$ 49.02	23,100	D	Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2005		S		2,600	D	\$ 49.03	20,500	D	Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

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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

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

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Am or Num of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 10.1551	03/21/2005	M	20,000	01/04/2000	01/04/2010	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 28.22	03/21/2005	M	10,000	03/11/2005	03/12/2014	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 10.5244	03/22/2005	M	466	12/14/1998	12/14/2008	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 10.1551	03/22/2005	M	310	01/04/2000	01/04/2010	Common Stock	3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STRATULATE GARY W			Group President	

Signatures

M. Gay Mather for Gary W.
Stratulate

03/23/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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