

MILLER MERRILL A JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MILLER MERRILL A JR

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)
 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		66,666 A \$ 28.22	238,005	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		66,666 D \$ 70.2	171,339	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		16,667 A \$ 20.14	188,006	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		16,534 D \$ 70.2	171,472	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		133 D \$ 70.68	171,339	D

Common Stock	1,500	I	In Trust for Minor
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.14	05/03/2006		M	16,667	02/14/2006 02/15/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.22	05/03/2006		M	66,666	03/11/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 03/12/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILLER MERRILL A JR 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE HOUSTON, TX 77042	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

By: Raymond W. Chang For: Merrill A. Miller, Jr. 05/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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