NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MATTSON ERIC L Issuer Symbol NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO (Check all applicable) INC [NOV] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE 05/18/2005 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77042 Person (State)

(City) (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	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and :	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M	3,345	A	\$ 7.93	8,410	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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 41.63	05/18/2005		A	7,500		05/18/2006(1)	05/19/2015	Common Stock
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.93	05/18/2005		M		3,345	03/11/2005	06/08/2005	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director 10% Owner Office		Officer	Other			
MATTSON ERIC L 10000 RICHMOND AVENUE HOUSTON, TX 77042	X						

Signatures

By: M. Gay Mather For: Eric L.

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05/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.

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