

MATTSON ERIC L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MATTSON ERIC L

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

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

7909 PARKWOOD CIRCLE  
DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77036

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |            |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount |   |  |                                   | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              |   |   | 6,690  | A   | \$ 11.74   | 52,696                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              |   |   | 6,690  | A   | \$ 12.56   | 59,386                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              |   |   | 15,000 | A   | \$ 20.815  | 74,386                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |  | S                              |   |   | 28,380 | D   | \$ 82.356  | 46,006                            | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 20.815  | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | 05/18/2006 05/19/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 11.74   | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              | 6,690   | 03/11/2005 05/16/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 6,690                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 12.56   | 03/09/2012                           |  | M                              | 6,690   | 03/11/2005 05/15/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 6,690                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MATTSON ERIC L<br>7909 PARKWOOD CIRCLE DRIVE<br>HOUSTON, TX 77036 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

By: Raymond W. Chang For: Eric L. Mattson 03/12/2012

\_\_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).

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