NORDSON CORP Form 4 December 10, 2002

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addre			e and Ticke CORPORA		to Iss	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
GACKA, MARK (Last) (l 28601 CLEMENS	3. I.R.S. Ic of Reporti if an entity	ng P		ımber		rement for n/Day/Year 102	10% X Of Othe	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VICE			
WESTLAKE, OH					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. In (Che X Fo Perso _ Fo	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zi	p)	Tal	ole I	Non-De	rivativ	e Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans- action Execution Date Date, (Month/ Day/ if any			action Code (Instr. 8	<u>)</u>	4. Securition (A) or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4	es Acq posed (uired of (D)	f (D) Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-		Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Year)	(Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
COMMON SHARES									26,763 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Т	Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and Amount	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature		
Der	rivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	of Underlying	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect		
Sec	urity	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	of	Date	Securities	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial		
		Price of		Date,	Code	Derivati	(MeIonth/Day/	(Instr. 3 & 4)	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership		
(Ins	str. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		Securition	Y ear)			Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)		
			Day/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acquire	đ			Following	ative			
			Year)		8)	(A) or				Reported	Security:			
				Year)		Dispose	đ			Transaction(s)	Direct			

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

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			Code	V	(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$27.78	12/09/02		A		1		(2)		COMMON STOCK	13,000		1	l D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 2,521 shares thru Co. ESOP Plan, 230 shares thru Co. Supp. ESOP Plan, and 11,802 shares thru Co. 401(K) Plan.

(2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy 13,000 shares of common stock under Nordson's Long Term Performance Plan, exercisable in annual increments of 25% per year on a cumulative basis beginning 12/9/03, the first anniversary date of the grant.

By: /s/ Robert E. Veillette, Attorney-In-Fact Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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