

MERK GREGORY P  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**MERK GREGORY P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NORDSON CORP [NDSN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**28601 CLEMENS ROAD**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/20/2017**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**WESTLAKE, OH 44145**

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/20/2017		A	1,200 A \$ 0	47,292	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	11/20/2017		A	2,250 A \$ 0	49,730	D <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock					364	I	By Company Savings Plan <u>(3)</u>

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.26					(4) 12/03/2019	Common Stock	12,200	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.32					(4) 12/07/2020	Common Stock	9,000	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.73					(4) 11/28/2021	Common Stock	10,000	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 61.59					(4) 11/28/2022	Common Stock	7,600	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 71.75					(5) 11/25/2023	Common Stock	7,600	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 79.66					(6) 11/24/2024	Common Stock	8,300	

Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 70.91				<u>(7)</u>	11/23/2025	Common Stock	13,400
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 107.65				<u>(8)</u>	11/21/2026	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 127.67	11/20/2017	A	9,000	<u>(9)</u>	11/20/2027	Common Stock	9,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERK GREGORY P 28601 CLEMENS ROAD WESTLAKE, OH 44145			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

11/22/2017

\*\*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) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 1,200 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares will vest on each of November 30, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 2,250 performance shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan, which represent the right to receive shares contingent upon the achievement of performance measures over a 3-year performance period.

(2) Shares that are earned upon the attainment of the applicable performance targets settle in January 2021. The ultimate number of shares earned is subject to adjustment based on actual performance. The holdings include 188 shares acquired through dividend payments and participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.

(3) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(4) All such options have fully vested.

On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 7,600 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The

(5) options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 25, 2014. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(6) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 8,300 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 24, 2015. The vested portions of such options will become

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exercisable upon vesting.

(7) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 13,400 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(8) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 10,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2017. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(9) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 9,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 20, 2018. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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