

ARMSTRONG GREG L
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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 *
ARMSTRONG GREG 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)
03/11/2005

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

2000 W. SAM HOUSTON PKWY.
SO., STE. 1700

(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 77042

(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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/11/2005		A	1,672 A 1.67	1,672	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. 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
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	03/11/2005		A	3,167	03/11/2005(3)	Common Stock	3,167

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARMSTRONG GREG L 2000 W. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. SO., STE. 1700 HOUSTON, TX 77042	X			

Signatures

James F. Maroney III,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/15/2005

**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) Received in exchange for 2,000 shares of Varco International, Inc. ("Varco") in connection with the merger of Varco with and into the Issuer (the "Merger") based on the Merger Exchange Ratio. At the Effective Time of the Merger, the closing price of Varco's common stock was \$40.60 per share and the closing price of the Issuer's common stock was \$48.85 per share.
 - (2) Converts on a 1-for-1 basis.
 - (3) Vests on the date indicated, subject to early vesting in the event of death, disability or retirement. The underlying shares of common stock are distributable upon the date elected by the reporting person, which date must be any of (i) upon vesting, (ii) fifth anniversary of the date of grant or (iii) upon a termination of service.
 - (4) Received in the Merger in exchange for deferred stock units to acquire 3,788 shares of Varco common stock based on the Merger Exchange Ratio.

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