WILLIAMS CLAY C

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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05/04/2006

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Stock

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Common

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WILLIAMS CLAY C			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)	. ,	(Middle)	(Month/D	•				DirectorX Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
10000 RICHMOND AVENUE			05/04/2006					Senior Vice President and CFO			
	(Street)	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON	N, TX 77042							Form filed by N Person	More than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/04/2006			M	21,659	A	\$ 16.75	41,682	D		
Common Stock	05/04/2006			M	37,382	A	\$ 20.07	79,064	D		
Common	05/04/2006			S	50 0/1	D	\$ 70.1	20.023	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 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.75	05/04/2006		M	21,659	03/11/2005	01/30/2012	Common Stock	21,659
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.07	05/04/2006		M	37,382	03/11/2005	01/29/2013	Common Stock	37,382

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WILLIAMS CLAY C

10000 RICHMOND AVENUE Senior Vice President and CFO

HOUSTON, TX 77042

Signatures

By: Raymond W. Chang For: Clay C. Williams 05/05/2006

**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) Transaction voluntarily reported earlier than required.

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