

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/

Form 8-K

October 04, 2004

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington D.C., 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date Of Report (Date Of Earliest Event Reported): 10/04/2004

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: 000-25426

DE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

741871327
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

11500 North Mopac Expressway
Austin, TX 78759
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(512)338-9119
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act(17CFR240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of the registrant's press release, dated October 4, 2004, regarding preliminary financial results for the registrant's third fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated October 4, 2004.

Signature(s)

Pursuant to the Requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the Undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/

Date: October 04, 2004.

By: /s/ DAVID G. HUGLEY

DAVID G. HUGLEY
Vice President & General Counsel Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
EX-99.1	Press Release dated October 4, 2004