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National Instruments Declares 3-for-2 Stock Split

Pre-Split Cash Dividend Increased to \$0.15 Per Share

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 25, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- National Instruments (Nasdaq: NATI) Board of Directors declared a 3-for-2 stock split to be effected as a stock dividend. Stockholders of record on Feb. 4, 2011 will be entitled to one additional share of common stock for every two shares of the company's common stock held on that date.

The new shares resulting from the 3-for-2 split will be issued on Feb. 21, 2011 to holders of record as of Feb. 4, 2011. On Jan. 25, 2011, the company had approximately 79 million shares of common stock outstanding. After the stock split, the company will have approximately 118 million shares of common stock outstanding.

The Board of Directors also announced an increase to the cash dividend from \$0.13 to \$0.15 per common share payable on Feb. 21, to shareholders of record on Feb. 4, 2011. The cash dividend will be paid out on a pre-split basis of 79 million shares outstanding. Â

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