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National Instruments Declares Quarterly Dividend

AUSTIN, Texas - Jan. 29, 2009 - The National Instruments (Nasdaq: NATI) Board of Directors announced today a 9 percent increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.12 per share. This dividend is payable on March 2, 2009, to shareholders of record on Feb. 9, 2009.

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