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National Instruments Declares Quarterly Dividend

AUSTIN, Texas - April 26, 2006 - The National Instruments (NASDAQ: NATI) Board of Directors declared a dividend of 6 cents per share on its common stock payable on May 30, 2006, to shareholders of record on May 8, 2006.

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