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National Instruments Increases Quarterly Dividend 20 Percent

AUSTIN, Texas - Jan. 25, 2006 - The National Instruments (NASDAQ: NATI) Board of Directors declared a 20 percent increase in its quarterly dividend to 6 cents per share of its common stock payable on Feb. 27, 2006, to shareholders of record on Feb. 6, 2006.

"Given the record year for revenue and profits in 2005 and our very strong balance sheet, the Board of Directors has approved a 20 percent dividend increase to 6 cents per share," said NI CFO Alex Davern.

About National Instruments

For 30 years, National Instruments (www.ni.com) has been a technology pioneer and leader in virtual instrumentation - a revolutionary concept that has changed the way engineers and scientists in industry, government and academia approach measurement and automation. Leveraging PCs and commercial technologies, virtual instrumentation increases productivity and lowers costs for test, control and design applications through easy-to-integrate software, such as NI LabVIEW, and modular measurement and control hardware for PXI, PCI, PCI Express, USB and Ethernet. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, NI has more than 3,800 employees and direct operations in nearly 40 countries. For the past seven years, FORTUNE magazine has named NI one of the 100 best companies to work for in America. Readers may obtain investment information from the company's investor relations department by calling (512) 683-5090, by sending e-mail to nati@ni.com or by visiting www.ni.com/nati.

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