NATCO GROUP INC Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CLARKE JOHN U Issuer Symbol NATCO GROUP INC [NTG] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 11210 EQUITY DRIVE 07/09/2008 below) Chief Executive Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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(City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership of Indirect Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

10.050 A stock-restricted 07/09/2008 Α 224,274 (2) D stock (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		3 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 48.185	07/09/2008		A	33,560	(3)	07/09/2015	Common stock	33,560	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CLARKE JOHN U 11210 EQUITY DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77041	X		Chief Executive Officer			

Signatures

John U. Clarke 07/11/2008

**Signature of Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents an award of restricted stock pursuant to a stockholder approved incentive compensation plan. Restrictions on the award lapse 100% after three years of service (July 9, 2011), or sooner, on the death, disability or retirement of the recipient, or upon a corporate change. The stock was issued on July 9, 2008, and therefore has no expiration date, but could be forfeited if service ends prior to July 9, 2011 under certain circumstances.
- (2) Includes an aggregate of 163,130 shares of restricted stock subject to restrictions and potential forfeiture, as well as 2,569 shares of stock held in the filer's 401k plan account.
- Stock options vest in on-third increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, subject to continued employment (3) by the Company or a subsidiary on the applicable date. The options may vest sooner in certain events, including a corporate change. The first third will vest on July 9, 2009.

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