NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K September 18, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

September 17, 2013

National Instruments Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-25426 (Commission File Number)

74-1871327 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11500 North MoPac Expressway
Austin, Texas 78759
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(512) 338-9119 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

National Instruments Corporation ("NI") has learned on September 17, 2013 that Phillip D. Hester, Senior Vice President, Research and Development, passed away. NI extends its deepest condolences to Mr. Hester's family.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

By:/s/ DAVID G. HUGLEY
David G. Hugley
Vice President & General Counsel; Secretary

Date: September 18, 2013