

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u>			
A	This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)	
	☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) ____		
B	This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)	
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ► ☐		
D	Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a	Name of plan <u>NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 401(K) PLAN</u>	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>001</u>
		1c	Effective date of plan <u>07/01/1985</u>
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION</u> <u>11500 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY</u> <u>AUSTIN, TX 78759</u>	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-1871327</u>
		2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>512-683-8500</u>
		2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>423400</u>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	<u>10/06/2017</u>	<u>JOHN ROIKO</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)			Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 4028
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year..... a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 3075 6a(2) 3022 6b 0 6c 971 6d 3993 6e 12 6f 4005 6g 3839 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ 0 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2016
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

<div>A</div> <div>Name of plan</div> <div>NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 401(K) PLAN</div>	<div>B</div> <div>Three-digit plan number (PN)</div> <div>▶</div> <div>001</div>
<div>C</div> <div>Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION</div>	<div>D</div> <div>Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>74-1871327</div>

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....

☒ Yes ☐ No
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC. AND AFFIL
94-1737782

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

SCHWAB RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES INC

34-1479833

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50 64	NONE	267863	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
33 50 59 62 71	NONE	1688	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	25	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CHARLES SCHWAB BANK

42-1558009

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
25 49 50 52 62	NONE	76	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
SEE ATTACHMENT 94-3106735	SEE ATTACHMENT	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2016</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-1871327	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GALLIARD RET INCOME FD CL 35

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST RET & INSTL SVCS CO

c EIN-PN 20-5886387-082	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32042544
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor</small> <small>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-1871327	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	270156	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	865149	0
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	3105401	2946808
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	28785673	32042544
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	305375621	336133410
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	5551771	6645595

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	343953771	377768357

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	343953771	377768357
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

- 2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	7238721	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	23480676	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1079756	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		31799153
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	156533	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		156533
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	10522792	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		10522792
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		465795
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		12201007
c Other income.....	2c		578251
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		55723531

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	22520386	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		22520386
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		4433
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	5938	
(4) Other	2i(4)	267863	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		273801
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		22798620

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		32924911
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		889675
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: HOLTZMAN PARTNERS, LLP

(2) EIN: 74-3121060

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
4b		X	

		Yes	No	Amount
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n	X		
o Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. ☐ Yes ☒ No **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	6b Trust's EIN
6c Name of trustee or custodian	6d Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan <u>NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-1871327</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>42-1558009</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2016
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14	Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:		
	a The current year	14a	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
	c The second preceding plan year	14c	
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
	a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
	b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
	a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
	b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment	☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)	
	a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock: <u>0.0</u> % Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%	
	b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt: ☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more	
	c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)? ☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No
22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter / / and the serial number .	
22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter / / .	

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL
SCHEDULE

National Instruments 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2016 and 2015
and Year Ended December 31, 2016
With Report of Independent Auditors

National Instruments 401(k) Plan
Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
December 31, 2016 and 2015
and for the year ended December 31, 2016

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Report of Independent Auditors

Plan Administrator and Participants and Beneficiaries
National Instruments 401(k) Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of National Instruments 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we have not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 4, which was certified by Charles Schwab Bank, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investments and notes receivable from participants and executes the related transactions. The Plan administrator obtained a certification from the custodian as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016, that the information provided to the Plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016, is required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Holtzman Partners, LLP

Austin, Texas
October 5, 2017

National Instruments 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2016	2015
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 374,821,549	\$ 339,713,065
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	2,946,808	3,105,401
Employer contribution receivable	-	270,156
Participant contributions receivable	-	865,149
Total receivables	2,946,808	4,240,706
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>377,768,357</u>	\$ <u>343,953,771</u>

See accompanying notes.

National Instruments 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Additions

Participant contributions	\$	23,480,676
Employer contributions		7,238,721
Rollovers		1,079,756
Interest and dividend investment income		11,629,593
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		156,533
Net appreciation in investments		12,138,252
Total additions		<u>55,723,531</u>

Deductions

Benefits paid to participants		22,520,386
Corrective distributions		4,433
Administrative expenses		273,801
Total deductions		<u>22,798,620</u>

Transfers-in from other qualified plans 889,675

Net increase 33,814,586

Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year 343,953,771

Net assets available for benefits at end of year \$ 377,768,357

See accompanying notes.

National Instruments 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015
and for the year ended December 31, 2016

1. Description of the Plan

General

National Instruments 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) became effective July 1, 1985 and was most recently amended effective December 16, 2016, and covers substantially all eligible employees of National Instruments Corporation and certain adopting employers (collectively the “Company” or “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan is a defined contribution plan and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended. All Plan assets are held by Charles Schwab Bank.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more comprehensive description of the Plan’s provisions, a copy of which is available from the Company.

Plan Amendments

Effective December 16, 2016, the Plan was amended to include differential wage payments as compensation for contribution purposes.

Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate upon the attainment of 18 years of age and date of hire. Under the enrollment provisions of the Plan, eligible employees are allowed to enter the Plan on the first day of each calendar month after meeting the eligibility requirements. To be eligible for Company contributions, a participant must complete one year of service. Union employees, non-resident employees, leased employees, and interns are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 80% pre-tax of their annual compensation, as defined by the Plan. Roth contributions, catch-up contributions, and after-tax contributions up to 80% are allowed. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) limits. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined contribution plans or individual retirement accounts (“rollovers”). The Plan also allows for in-plan Roth rollovers.

The Plan includes an automatic enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6% unless the employee elects a different percentage or elects not to participate.

The Company may make matching contributions to the Plan equal to a discretionary percentage, to be determined by the Company, of the participant’s contributions. For 2016, the Company made matching contributions of 50% of the first 6% of pre-tax contributions. All contributions are participant-directed into the investment options disclosed in Note 3. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

National Instruments 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Participant Accounts

Participants direct the investment of their accounts among various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily.

Each participant's account is credited with (a) participant's contributions, (b) an allocation of employer contributions and (c) an allocation of investment earnings, and is charged with (a) withdrawals, (b) an allocation of investment losses and (c) certain administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in both participant and Company contributions, including rollover contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum of i) \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding note receivable balance over the prior twelve months or ii) 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. Notes receivable from participants are collateralized by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate. Participants may only have one note receivable outstanding at a time. Principal and interest is paid through payroll deductions with equal installments made each pay period. The repayment period cannot exceed five years, unless the funds are used for purchase of a principal residence in which case repayment terms may be extended.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested interest in his or her account. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account balance upon termination of service. In general, if a participant's vested account balance, as defined by the Plan, is greater than \$5,000 and employment is terminated other than due to retirement or death, the account may not be distributed before normal retirement without the participant's consent. Participants' account balances that are less than \$5,000 will be paid as a direct rollover to an individual retirement account.

In-service distributions may be made in the event of a hardship or if the participant has attained age 59-1/2. Hardship withdrawals are allowed for participants incurring an immediate and heavy financial need, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are strictly regulated by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and a participant must exhaust all available loan options and available distributions prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal. Distributions are subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan agreement.

Distributions from the Plan will normally be subject to income taxes and in certain circumstances may also be subject to IRS penalties, unless the distribution is transferred to another qualified plan or individual retirement account.

National Instruments 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for investments in various investment securities, which, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's 401(k) Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians and insurance company. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Management fees and expenses charged to the Plan for investments in mutual fund accounts are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2016 or 2015. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits to participants are recorded by the Plan when actual payment is made.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and benefit payment transactions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses.

Subsequent Events

The Company evaluated events occurring between the end of the most recent fiscal year and October 5, 2017, the date the financial statements and supplemental schedule were available to be issued. No events have occurred through that date that would impact the financial statements.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. After deducting all charges and expenses, the balances of all individual accounts will be adjusted and the remaining assets distributed.

3. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., an exit price). The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active
- observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the asset or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management's own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is classified is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measure in its entirety.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value, including a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each major class of assets measured at fair value by the Plan.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds ^(a)	\$ 336,133,410	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 336,133,410
Self-brokerage account ^(b)	6,645,595	—	—	6,645,595
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 342,779,005	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 342,779,005
Investments measured at net asset values ^(c)				32,042,544
Total assets at fair value				\$ 374,821,549

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2015				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds ^(a)	\$ 305,375,621	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 305,375,621
Self-brokerage account ^(b)	5,551,771	—	—	5,551,771
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 310,927,392	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 310,927,392
Investments measured at net asset values ^(c)				28,785,673
Total assets at fair value				\$ 339,713,065

- The mutual funds consist of U.S. equities, international equities, fixed income and mixed/specialty style with valuations based on quoted prices in active markets.
- These accounts may include mutual funds, common stock and exchange-traded funds all of which are valued based on quoted prices in active markets in which the securities are traded. Money market funds are valued as cash equivalents, which approximates fair value.
- This category includes a common/collective trust fund that is designed to deliver safety and stability by preserving principal and accumulating earnings. The Galliard Retirement Income Fund is primarily invested in the Wells Fargo Synthetic Stable Value Fund. As previously discussed in Note 2, the fair value of this fund is valued at the net asset value of units held at year-end in accordance with the practical expedients available under ASC 820. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily, however, the Plan has potential limitations on redemption which can delay complete redemption for a period of one year. Participant redemptions for common collective trusts are permitted with no other restrictions or notice periods and there are no unfunded commitments.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

The Plan evaluated the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the year ended December 31, 2016, there were no significant transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3.

4. Information Certified by the Custodian

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Charles Schwab Bank, the custodian of the Plan, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments at fair value, and notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.
- Total investment income (loss) and interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016.
- Schedule H, line 4i – schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016.

5. Transfers of Assets into the Plan

Effective January 1, 2016, the Company approved a corporate resolution to merge the assets of the BEEcube 401(k) Plan into the Plan. Furthermore, effective January 1, 2016, all participants of the BEEcube 401(k) Plan became active participants in the Plan. All the assets of the BEEcube 401(k) Plan participant accounts were transferred into the Plan on January 12, 2016, including approximately \$333,500 in cash. Participants were required to make new investment elections in the Plan.

Effective June 22, 2016, the Company approved a corporate resolution to merge the assets of the Data Translation, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan into the Plan. Furthermore, effective June 22, 2016, all participants of the Data Translation, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan became active participants in the Plan. All the assets of the Data Translation, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan participant accounts were transferred into the Plan on June 22, 2016, including approximately \$556,100 in cash. Participants were required to make new investment elections in the Plan.

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6. Related-Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Plan assets include investments in funds managed by Charles Schwab Bank, the custodian of the Plan, and notes receivable from participants. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA and are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

7. Income Tax Status

The underlying non-standardized prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 19, 2014 stating that the form of the plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code and therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedures 2016-6 and 2011-49, the Plan administrator has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS prototype plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Supplemental Schedule

National Instruments 401(k) Plan
Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 74-1871327 PN: 001
December 31, 2016

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(e) Current Value
	Galliard Retirement Income Fund	Common Collective Trust Fund	\$ 32,042,544
*	Charles Schwab Trust Company	Self-Directed Brokerage Account	6,645,595
	Artisan Midcap Value Fund	Registered investment company fund	19,749,987
	Europacific Growth R4 Fund	Registered investment company fund	41,045,358
	Fidelity ContraFund	Registered investment company fund	36,557,411
	Harbor Capital Appreciation Retirement Fund	Registered investment company fund	25,689,301
	Lazard Emerging Markets Instl. Fund	Registered investment company fund	13,840,153
	Morgan Stanley Small Co Growth Portis	Registered investment company fund	25,532,603
	PIMCO All Asset Instl	Registered investment company fund	8,273,620
	PIMCO Total Return Fund	Registered investment company fund	31,479,908
	T. Rowe Price Real Estate Fund	Registered investment company fund	12,979,235
	Vanguard Institutional Index	Registered investment company fund	54,829,313
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral	Registered investment company fund	8,509,053
	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Admiral	Registered investment company fund	6,580,733
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	Registered investment company fund	7,306,606
	Vanguard Windsor II Admiral Fund	Registered investment company fund	43,760,129
*	Participant notes receivable from loans	Various maturities bearing interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.50%	2,946,808
			\$ <u><u>377,768,357</u></u>

* Indicates a party in interest to the Plan

Note: Cost information (column d) is not provided as all investments are participant-directed.

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Schedule C, Part I, Line 3 - Service Provider Indirect Compensation Information
December 31, 2016

EIN: 74-1871327

Plan Number: 001

Received by Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (EIN#94-1737782)

Schwab Funds	94-3106735	Range of 0.02 - 0.25% of average daily balance of assets
Scout	43-1270132	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Shelton Capital Management	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
T. Rowe Price	52-2264646	Rate of 0.04% of average daily balance of asset(s)
TCW	95-2749628	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Tocqueville	13-3549887	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Tortoise Capital Advisors	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
USAA	74-0959140	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Wells Fargo Funds	41-0449260	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Westchester Capital	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

NAME OF PLAN SPONSOR:	National Instruments Corporation
NAME OF PLAN:	National Instruments 401(k) Plan
EIN:	74-1871327
PLAN NUMBER:	001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans (4.25% - 5.75%)		2,946,808
	GALLIARD RET INCOME FD CL 35	Common Collective Trust Fund		32,042,544
	PCRA	Self-Directed Brokerage Account		6,645,595
	ARTISAN MIDCAP VALUE FUND	Registered Investment Company		19,749,987
	EUROPACIFIC GROWTH R6	Registered Investment Company		41,045,358
	FIDELITY CONTRA FUND	Registered Investment Company		36,557,411
	HARBOR CAPITAL APPRECIATION	Registered Investment Company		25,689,300
	LAZARD EMERGING MARKETS INSTL	Registered Investment Company		13,840,153
	MORGAN STANLEY SM CO GR PORTIS	Registered Investment Company		25,532,603
	PIMCO ALL ASSET INSTL	Registered Investment Company		8,273,620
	PIMCO TOTAL RETURN FUND	Registered Investment Company		31,479,908
	T ROWE PRICE REAL ESTATE	Registered Investment Company		12,979,235
	VANGUARD INSTITUTIONAL INDEX	Registered Investment Company		54,829,314
	VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADMRL	Registered Investment Company		8,509,053
	VANGUARD TOT INTL STK IDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		6,580,733
	VANGUARD TTL BOND MKT IDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		7,306,606
	VANGUARD WINDSOR II ADMIRAL	Registered Investment Company		43,760,129

* Party-in-interest