NATCO GROUP INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH C FRANK			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATCO GROUP INC [NTG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NATCO GROUP INC., 11210 EQUITY DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2008					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President			
				ndment, Da th/Day/Year		1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common stock	05/23/2008			I	5,590	D	\$ 50.36	0	I	Shares held in 401k account	

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

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	Securi	unt of erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH C FRANK C/O NATCO GROUP INC. 11210 EQUITY DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77041

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Katherine P. Ellis, Attorney-in-Fact 05/27/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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