

FITZGERALD RICHARD W

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FITZGERALD RICHARD W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATCO GROUP INC., 2950
NORTH LOOP WEST, SUITE 700

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77092

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATCO GROUP INC [NTG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

08/18/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Senior VP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common stock	08/18/2006		M	50,001 A \$ 6.6	64,041	D	
Common stock	08/18/2006		M	3,467 A \$ 8.055	67,508	D	
Common stock	08/18/2006		M	2,404 A \$ 11.43	69,912	D	

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

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Recipient was granted a total of 66,667 options to acquire common stock of NATCO Group Inc. on 5/28/03, vesting in four installments on the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. The first such installment vested on 5/28/04.

- (2) Recipient was granted a total of 10,400 options to acquire common stock of NATCO Group Inc. on 9/9/04, vesting in three installments on the first through third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first such installment vested on 9/9/05.
- (3) Recipient was granted a total of 7,212 options to acquire common stock of NATCO Group Inc. on 6/13/05, vesting in three installments on the first through third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first such installment vested on 6/13/06.

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