

THAXTON GREGORY A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
THAXTON GREGORY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORDSON CORP [NDSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/28/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President, CFO

28601 CLEMENS ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup>    | 11/28/2011                           |  | A                              | 2,300 A \$ 0  | 8,402   | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,465 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | Company ESOP and 401(k) Plans     |

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) |               |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 43.73   | 11/28/2011                           |  | A                              | 13,000  | <u>(3)</u>   | 11/28/2021  | Common Shares | 13,000                     |
| Share Equivalent Unit                      | <u>(4)</u>   | 11/28/2011                           |  | J                              | 16 <u>(5)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Shares | 16 <u>(5)</u>              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| THAXTON GREGORY A<br>28601 CLEMENS ROAD<br>WESTLAKE, OH 44145 |               |           | Senior Vice President, CFO |       |

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

11/30/2011

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Reporting 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).
- (1) Grant to reporting person of restricted common shares pursuant to the Amended and Restated Nordson Corporation 2004 Long-Term Performance Plan. Restriction on transfer of one-third of the shares lapses annually for three years following date of grant.
- (2) Balance as of October 31, 2011.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares of Common Stock under Nordson's Long-Term Performance Plan, exercisable in annual increments of 25% on a cumulative basis beginning 11-28-2012.
- (4) Share Equivalent Units acquired through deferral of performance shares awarded under 2004 Long Term Performance Plan. Deferrals are made to the Nordson Stock Measurement Fund of the Amended & Restated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan. Share Equivalent Units are settled in common shares at reporting person's termination of employment or retirement subject to delayed distribution rules of Internal Revenue Code Section 409(A).

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(5) Share equivalent units acquired through dividends.

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