

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)

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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 (A) 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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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 6.6	08/18/2006		M	50,001	<u>(1)</u> 05/28/2013	Common stock	50,001
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 8.055	08/18/2006		M	3,467	<u>(2)</u> 09/09/2014	Common stock	3,467
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 11.43	08/18/2006		M	2,404	<u>(3)</u> 06/13/2015	Common stock	2,404

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FITZGERALD RICHARD W C/O NATCO GROUP INC. 2950 NORTH LOOP WEST, SUITE 700 HOUSTON, TX 77092			Senior VP & CFO	

Signatures

Richard W.
FitzGerald

08/21/2006

**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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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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