

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD

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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *Â MARXE AUSTIN W &
GREENHOUSE DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS
FUNDS,Â 527 MADISON
AVENUE, SUITE 2600

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/20053. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD [NVMI]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☒ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

2,258,590 ⁽¹⁾I ⁽¹⁾By Limited Partnerships ⁽¹⁾Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security4. Conversion
or Exercise5. Ownership
Form of6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title (Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M
C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS
527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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Signatures

Austin W.
Marxe 01/10/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

David M.
Greenhouse 01/10/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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