

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Â MARXE AUSTIN W &<br>GREENHOUSE DAVID M<br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>12/31/2005 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD [NVMI] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner<br>___ Officer ___ Other<br>(give title below) (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
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C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS  
 FUNDS,Â 527 MADISON  
 AVENUE, SUITE 2600  
  
 (Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 2,258,590 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | I <sup>(1)</sup>  | By Limited Partnerships <sup>(1)</sup>                   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
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## 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  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

David M.  
Greenhouse  
01/10/2006  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Fund III QP, L.P. (QP), Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. (Cayman), Special Situations Technology Fund, L.P. (Tech) and Special Situations Technology II, L.P. (Tech II), respectively. 1,246,312 shares of Common Stock are held by QP, 536,778 shares of Common Stock are held by Cayman, 77,631 shares of Common Stock are held by Tech and 397,869 shares of Common Stock are held by Tech II. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by QP, Cayman, Tech and Tech II is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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