FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LYNCH G PATRICK 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2004 | | | | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL CORP [NTI] | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) 547 LONES | (First) | (Middle) | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to (Check all applicable) X Director 10% | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| (Street) LINO LAKES | MN | 55014 | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (sp below) | ecify | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | | int of Securities ially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,700 | D | | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | ate | Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conv | | 5. Ownership ercise Form: | | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | 3 | Amount or Number of Shares | Secur | ative | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Gregory P Lynch

03/12/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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