## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     STONE MARK J   |  |  |   |       |                                    | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL CORP [ NTIC ] |       |        |  |                                  |          |                 |                         |                          | (Ch    | eck all a <sub>l</sub><br>X Dire  | plic<br>ector | r 10% Ow  |  | wner   |   |  |  |
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|  |  |  |   |       |                                    | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2010                                   |       |        |  |                                  |          |                 |                         |                          |        | bel   |               | (give title   |  | Other (<br>below)  | specify   |  |  |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |  |   |       | 4. If                              | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                      |       |        |  |                                  |          |                 |                         |                          |        | i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |               |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |       |                                    |   |       |        |  |                                  |          |                 |                         |                          |        | $\dashv$  |               |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  |  |  |   |       |                                    | ction 2A. Deemed  |       |        | e, 3   | 3.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8) | tion     | 4. Secur        | ities Acq<br>d Of (D) ( | ıired (                  | (A) or | or 5. Amou<br>1 and Securiti<br>Benefici  |               | int of 6. Fo ially (D) Following (I)  |  | vnership<br>n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                          | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |       |                                    | Code  | v     | Amount | (A) or<br>(D)  |                                  | Price    | Tran            | acti                    | tion(s)<br>and 4)        |        |   |               |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Common   | Stock  |  |   |       |                                    |   |       |        |  |                                  |          |                 |                         | 12,000                   |        |   | D             |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |   |       |                                    |   |       |        |  |                                  |          |                 |                         |                          |        |   |               |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemee<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date, | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>r) 8) |   |       |        | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |                                  |          | Amount of       |                         | of<br>es<br>ing<br>ve Se |        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   |               | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Owner<br>Form<br>Direct<br>or Ind<br>(I) (In | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | of In<br>Ben<br>Own<br>(Inst                                      | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |   |       | Code                               | v   | (A)   | (D)    | Date<br>Exer   | e<br>rcisable                    | Ex<br>Da | piration<br>ate | Title                   | or<br>Nu<br>of           | ımber  |   |               |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right-to-<br>Buy)  | \$9.76   | 09/01/2010                                 |   |       | A                                  |   | 4,000 |        |  | (1)                              | 08       | 3/31/2015       | Commo<br>Stock          | 4                        | ,000   | \$0   |               | 4,000   |  | D  |   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option vests with respect to 1,333 shares on each of September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2012 and 1,334 shares on September 1, 2013.

/s/ Matthew Wolsfeld -09/01/2010 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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