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REPORTING OWNER

Mercurio Anthony J

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ISSUER

National Interstate CORP

CIK: **1301106** | IRS No.: **341607394** | State of Incorp.: **OH** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **6331** Fire, marine & casualty insurance

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>Mercurio Anthony J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <hr/> <u>3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE</u> (Street) <hr/> <u>RICHFIELD, OH 44286</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/01/2013</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>National Interstate CORP [NATL]</u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Executive VP & COO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
<u>Common Shares (\$0.01 par value)</u>	<u>25,024</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>01/01/2007</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>02/08/2016</u>	<u>Common Shares (\$0.01 par value)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>\$20.41</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options vested 20% per year each January 1, beginning January 1, 2007.

Signatures

/s/Anthony J. Mercurio

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/09/2013

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 4 (b)(v).

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