FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wilaby Katherine A			. Date of Event lequiring Staten Month/Day/Year 1/02/2004	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL CORP [NTI]							
(Last) 704 LAKEVII	(First) EW AVENUE	(Middle)				ionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director	10% Own	er	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street) NORTH MANKATO (City)	MN (State)	56003 (Zip)			X	X Officer (give title below) Controller		ecify	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												
						nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
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	3. Title and Amount of Secu Underlying Derivative Secur		ity (Instr. 4) Conv		cise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivati Security	ive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>Katherine A Wilaby</u> <u>11/02/2004</u>

** 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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