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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

RILEY BRYANT R

(Last)

(First)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/30/2012

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

11100 SANTA MONICA BLVD., STE 800

(Street)

X Director Officer

__X__ 10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

NATIONAL HOLDINGS CORP [NHLD.OB]

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

LOS ANGELES, Â CAÂ 90025

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

(Middle)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

(Check all applicable)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

4.

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

5.

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable **Expiration Title** Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security Direct (D)

or Indirect (I)

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| | | | | | (Instr. 5) | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|--------|------------|------------------|
| 6% Convertible Subordinated Note | 03/30/2012 Â (1)(2) | Common Stock | 13,200,000 | \$ 0.5 | I (3) | See Footnote (4) |
| 6% Convertible Subordinated Note | 04/04/2012 Â (1)(2) | Common Stock | 2,800,000 | \$ 0.5 | I (3) | See Footnote (4) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| Troporting of the remaining fraction | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| RILEY BRYANT R 11100 SANTA MONICA BLVD., STE 800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 | ÂX | ÂX | Â | Â | |

Signatures

/s/ Bryant R.
Riley

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

Unless otherwise converted, the Notes shall mature on the earlier to occur of (i) 10 business days after delivery by National Securities Growth Partners LLC ("NSGP"), the holder of the Notes, of a notice of maturity (a "Maturity Notice"); provided that NSGP shall not be entitled to issue a Maturity Notice prior to December 30, 2012, or (ii) March 30, 2015, unless, in each case, such date shall be otherwise

- (1) extended in writing by NSGP, provided that upon completion of a restructuring of the capital of National Holding Corporation (the "Company") in a manner satisfactory to NSGP, in its sole discretion (a "Company Restructuring"), the Notes shall mature on March 30, 2015, unless extended; provided further, for the avoidance of doubt, that upon a Company Restructuring, NSGP shall not be entitled to deliver a Maturity Notice prior to March 30, 2015, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Company and NSGP.
- Each Note is convertible at any time prior to its maturity into "units" of the Company consisting of (a) shares of the Company's newly created Series E Convertible Preferred Stock, which is in turn convertible into shares of the Company's Common Stock, and (b) a warrant exercisable at \$0.50 for shares of the Company's Common Stock. Through these conversions, the Note issued on March 30, 2012 is convertible into approximately 13,200,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, and the Note issued on April 4, 2012 is convertible into approximately 2,800,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.
- (3) National Securities Growth Partners LLC ("NSGP") directly owns the 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes. Mr. Riley is the trustee of one member of NSGP and the Chairman of one member of NSGP.
- (4) NSGP has investment and voting power with respect to Company securities held by the funds managed by NSGP. Mr. Riley, as trustee of one member of NSGP and the Chairman of one member of NSGP, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Company securities beneficially owned by NSGP. The Reporting Persons disclaim any beneficial ownership of any of the Company's securities to which this report relates for purposes of Section 16, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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