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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 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NII HOLDINGS INC [NIHD] À Gendron Teresa S (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1875 EXPLORER (Check all applicable) STREET, Â SUITE 1000 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting VP, Controller Person RESTON, VAÂ 20190 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock (1) D 3,000 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to purchase) (2)	04/27/2006	04/27/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 26.2	D	Â
Stock Option (right to purchase) (3)	04/26/2007	04/26/2016	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 60.77	D	Â
Stock Option (right to purchase) (4)	04/25/2008	04/25/2017	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 78.3	D	Â
Stock Option (right to purchase) (5)	04/23/2009	04/23/2018	Common Stock	18,500	\$ 40.62	D	Â
Stock Option (right to purchase) (6)	04/22/2010	04/22/2019	Common Stock	18,500	\$ 14.33	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Relationships					
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Â	Â	VP, Controller	Â		
	Director	Director 10% Owner	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		

Signatures

Gary Begeman
Attorney-in-Fact
01/11/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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).
- (1) Ms. Teresa S Gendron was appointed vice president and controller (chief accounting officer) of NII Holdings, Inc. effective 01/01/2010. The restricted stock award was granted on April 22, 2009 and vests 33-1/3% on each 1st, 2nd and 3rd anniversary of the grant.
- (2) The option vests in four installments: 25% on April 27, 2006; 25% on April 27, 2007; 25% on April 27, 2008 and 25% on April 27, 2009.
- (3) The option vests in four installments: 25% on April 26, 2007; 25% on April 26, 2008; 25% on April 26, 2009 and 25% on April 26, 2010.
- (4) The option vests in four installments: 25% on April 25, 2008; 25% on April 25, 2009; 25% on April 25, 2010 and 25% on April 25, 2011.
- (5) Option vests in four installments: 25% on April 23, 2009; 25% on April 23, 2010; 25% on April 23, 2011 and 25% on April 23, 2012.
- (6) The stock option grant will vest over three years, as follows: 33-1/3% on April 22, 2010; 33-1/3% on April 22, 2011 and 33-1/3% on April 22, 2012.

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