

LAPEYRE JAMES M JR  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAPEYRE JAMES M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2105 CITYWEST  
BOULEVARD, SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/21/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/07/2012		M	10,000 A \$ 4.35	1,774,413	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2012		G	54,584 D \$ 0	1,764,413	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2012		G	25,000 D \$ 0	1,818,997	D	
Common Stock					7,605,345	I	Shares held by Laitram, LLC
Common Stock					5,700	I	Shares held in joint

Common Stock		10,500	I	account with spouse Co-Trustee for Children
Common Stock		187,600	I	Joint account with adult child (J)
Common Stock		187,600	I	Joint account with adult child (K)
Common Stock		200,380	I	Joint account with adult child (S)

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 4.35	09/07/2012		M	10,000	11/01/2002 11/01/2012	Common Stock 10,000		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

/s/ Debra A. Addington,  
attorney-in-fact

09/10/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

### Remarks:

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities shown as indirectly owned by him.

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