

Moffat David
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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 *
 Moffat David

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)
 12/01/2012

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

SVP & GM- Operations

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/01/2012		A	4,000 (1) A \$ 0	30,132	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2012		F	1,049 D \$ 5.96	29,083	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2012		F	420 D \$ 5.96	28,663	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2012		F	524 D \$ 5.96	28,139 (2)	D	

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 5.96					12/01/2013 ⁽³⁾ 12/01/2022	Common Stock	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

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

12/04/2012

__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).
- (1) Issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation 2004 Long-term Incentive Plan. Shares will vest in three equal annual installments beginning the first anniversary of the transaction date in Column 2.
- (2) Includes 1,000 shares acquired under the ION Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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(3) The options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 6.

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