

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Ledet Charles J | | (Month/Day/Year) | ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 12/01/2007 | | |
| 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD,Â SUITE 400 | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77042-2839 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | EVP-COO of ION Systems | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common stock | 24,959 | D | Â |

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) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Title | | | |

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| | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 02/01/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2009 | Common stock 30,000 | \$ 6.375 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 04/04/2001 ⁽¹⁾ 04/04/2010 | Common stock 15,000 | \$ 5.8125 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 05/01/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 05/01/2011 | Common stock 12,500 | \$ 11.1 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 05/17/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 05/17/2012 | Common stock 10,000 | \$ 9.38 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 04/21/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 04/21/2013 | Common stock 12,500 | \$ 3.35 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 09/01/2005 ⁽²⁾ 09/01/2014 | Common stock 25,000 | \$ 9.84 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 05/31/2006 ⁽²⁾ 05/31/2015 | Common stock 40,000 | \$ 6.2 D |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 09/01/2007 ⁽²⁾ 09/01/2016 | Common stock 25,000 | \$ 9.97 D |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ledet Charles J 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839 | Â | Â | Â EVP-COO of ION Systems | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Debra A. Addington,
Attorney-in-fact
Date
12/04/2007

****Signature of Reporting Person**

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) The option became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 2.
 - (2) The option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 2.

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