

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP
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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 *

Williamson Ken

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

HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP&COO, E&P TECHNO & SERVICES

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | A | (A) or (D) Amount (D) Price 17,500 (1) A \$ 0 | 29,895 (2) (3) | 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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.1 | | | | | | | 03/01/2017 ⁽⁴⁾ | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 35,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 3.1 | | | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Williamson Ken 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839 | | | EVP&COO, E&P TECHNO & SERVICES | |

Signatures

Rebecca F. Sacco,
attorney-in-fact

03/03/2016

**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) Restricted Stock grant issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation Amended and Restated 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan. Shares will vest in three equal annual installments beginning the first anniversary of the transaction date in Column 2.
 - (2) As adjusted for the one-for-fifteen reverse stock split completed on February 4, 2016.
 - (3) Includes 33 shares acquired under the ION Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as adjusted for the one-for-fifteen reverse stock split completed on February 4, 2016.
 - (4) Issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation Amended and Restated 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 6.
 - (5) Issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation Stock Appreciation Rights Plan. The SARs will vest in one-third increments upon the achievement of performance targets set at 20%, 25% and 30% appreciation of the 20-day volume weighted average price per share over the exercise price of the SAR. No SARs can be exercised prior to the first anniversary of the grant date. Beginning on the first

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anniversary date, SARs can be exercised up to one-third per year.

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