ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP

Form 4 May 23, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Common

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Stock

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MORRISON MICHAEL L

> (First) (Middle)

> > (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

2105 CITYWEST **BOULEVARD, SUITE 400**

HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

(Street)

(State)

05/21/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO]

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

05/21/2008 below)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)

Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5,100

2,213

D

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price M 5,000 A \$ 3.35 19,794

05/21/2008 M 7,500 A S D 05/21/2008 2,687

S

S

(Month/Day/Year)

Common 05/21/2008 Stock

Common 05/21/2008 Stock

\$ 7.31 27,294 \$ 16.5 24,607

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Beneficially

Issuer

19,507

17,294

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

> below) VP & Corp Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

D

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D

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Common Stock	05/21/2008	S	1,600	D	\$ 16.53	15,694	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	S	900	D	\$ 16.54	14,794	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onof D Secu Acq (A) (Disp (D)	urities uired or oosed of rr. 3, 4,	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
Employee Stock Option (1)	\$ 3.35	05/21/2008		M		5,000	(2)	04/21/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (1)	\$ 7.31	05/21/2008		M		7,500	08/02/2006	08/02/2015	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

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

MORRISON MICHAEL L 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

VP & Corp Controller

Signatures

/s/Debra A. Addington, attorney-in-fact 05/23/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Sold in connection with a cashless exercise of employee stock options.
- (2) The option vested in four equal installments on April 21, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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