

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ROLAND DAVID L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**2105 CITYWEST  
BOULEVARD, SUITE 400**

(Street)

**HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

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

**12/01/2011**

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) below)

**SVP-Gen Counsel & Corp Sec'y**

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

**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	12/01/2011		A		5,000	A \$ 0	85,474 D
Common Stock	12/01/2011		F		882	D \$ 5.81	84,592 D
Common Stock	12/01/2011		F		2,645	D \$ 5.81	81,947 D
Common Stock	12/01/2011		F		882	D \$ 5.81	81,065 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 5.81	12/01/2011		A	25,000	<u>(1)</u> 12/01/2021	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROLAND DAVID L 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839			SVP-Gen Counsel & Corp Sec'y	

## Signatures

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

12/05/2011

\_\_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) The option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date specified in Column 3.

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