

Bernitsas Nikolaos
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bernitsas Nikolaos

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2105 CITYWEST BLVD., SUITE
400

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77042

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO]

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

12/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP, GXT Imaging

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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)
Common Stock	12/01/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 4,000	\$ 0	69,295	D
Common Stock	12/01/2012		F	706	\$ 5.96	68,589	D
Common Stock	12/01/2012		F	529	\$ 5.96	68,060	D
Common Stock	12/01/2012		F	882	\$ 5.96	67,178	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 ⁽²⁾ 12/01/2022	Common Stock	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Bernitsas Nikolaos 2105 CITYWEST BLVD. SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042	Director 10% Owner Officer Other SVP, GXT Imaging

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) The options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the "Date Exercisable" specified in Column 2.

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