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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO] Williamson Ken (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2105 CITYWEST (Check all applicable) **BOULEVARD, Â SUITE 400** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SVP, ISS Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77042-2839 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common stock 28,291 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Conversion or Exercise		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:		
			Security	Direct (D)		

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	12/01/2007(1)	12/01/2016	Common stock	70,000	\$ 10.85	D	Â
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	12/01/2008(1)	12/01/2017	Common stock	16,000	\$ 15.43	D	Â
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	12/01/2009(1)	12/01/2018	Common stock	35,000	\$ 3	D	Â
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	06/01/2010(1)	06/01/2019	Common stock	50,000	\$ 2.83	D	Â
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	12/01/2010(1)	12/01/2019	Common stock	22,000	\$ 5.44	D	Â
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	03/01/2011(1)	03/01/2020	Common stock	75,000	\$ 4.58	D	Â
Employee stock option (right-to-buy)	12/01/2011(1)	12/01/2020	Common stock	35,000	\$ 7.19	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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Williamson Ken						
2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD	â	â	SVP, ISS	â		
SUITE 400	A	А	A 3 VP, 133	А		
HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839						

Signatures

/s/ Debra A. Addington, 12/23/2010 attorney-in-fact **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/becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 2.

Date

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