

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
SEELY JAMEY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP [IO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2105 CITYWEST BLVD., SUITE 400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP-Gen Counsel & Corp Sec'y

HOUSTON, TX 77042

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2015 | | A | 32,188 (1) | \$ 0 52,188 | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.28 | 03/01/2015 | | A | 48,283 | 03/01/2016 ⁽²⁾ 03/01/2025 | Common Stock |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 2.28 | 03/01/2015 | | A | 200,091 | ⁽³⁾ 03/01/2025 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SEELY JAMEY S 2105 CITYWEST BLVD. SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042 | | | EVP-Gen Counsel & Corp Sec'y | |

Signatures

/s/ Rebecca F. Sacco,
attorney-in-fact
Date: 03/03/2015

**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 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) Issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan and become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 6.
 - (3) 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 anniversary date, SARs can be exercised up to one-third per year.

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