IONICS INC Form 4 May 17, 2002

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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[_]	Check box if no longer sub may continue. See Instructi		6. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
1.	Name and Address of Reporti	ng Person*	
	de Vitry d'Avaucourt	Arnaud	
	Last)	(First)	(Middle)
	41 Rue de l'Universite		
		(Street)	
	Paris	France	75007
	 City)	(State)	(Zip)
2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or T	rading Symbol	
	Ionics, Incorporated (IO	N)	
3.	IRS Identification Number o	f Reporting Perso	n, if an Entity (Voluntary)
4	Chalana L. Cara Marilla /Vara		
4.	Statement for Month/Year		
	5/02		
5.	If Amendment, Date of Origi	nal (Month/Year)	
6.	Relationship of Reporting P (Check all applicable)	erson to Issuer	
	<pre>[X] Director [_] Officer (give title be</pre>] 10% Owner] Other (specify below)

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing	g (Check appli	cable line)		=						
<pre>[X] Form filed by one Reporting Person [_] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person</pre>										
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Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
		3. Transaction	4. Securities Acq Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 a.							
1.	2. Transaction	Code (Instr. 8)		(A)						
Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (mm/dd/yy)	Code V	Amount	or Price (D)						
* If the Form is filed by more that 4 (b) (v) .	an one Report	ing Person,	see Instruction	n						
Reminder: Report on a separate line owned directly or indirect.		of securities	beneficially							
	r Type Respons	es)	(Over)						
(Form 4-07/99)										

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

	Deriv- Date		4. Trans-	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- Exer- tion		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
1. Title of		action		or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,				Amount or Number of
Derivative Security		(Month/ Day/		4 and 5)				
(Instr. 3)	ity	Year)	Code V	(A) (D)	cisable	Date	Title	Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.13	5/8/02	J* V	2,000	11/8/02	5/8/12**	Common Stock	2,000
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Explanation of Responses:

^{*} Grant to reporting person of option to buy 2,000 shares of Common Stock under the Ionics, Incorporated 1986 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

^{**}Option expires earlier in the event the reporting person ceases being a director.

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/s/Arnaud de Vitry d'Avaucourt May 15, 2002
-----**Signature of Reporting Person Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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