

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP
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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 *
Usher Christopher Theron

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2105 CITYWEST
BOULEVARD, SUITE 400

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2016

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | A | (A) Amount 12,500 (1) | \$ 0 18,892 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | F | 343 (3) | \$ 3.1 18,549 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.1 | | | | | 03/01/2017 ⁽⁴⁾ | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 3.1 | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Usher Christopher Theron 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839 | | | EVP & COO, E&P OPER OPTIMINIZA | |

Signatures

Rebecca F. Sacco,
attorney-in-fact

03/03/2016

**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 Amended and Restated 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) As adjusted for the one-for-fifteen reverse stock split completed on 02/04/2016.
- (3) Payment of tax liability by delivering or withholding shares incident to the vesting of restricted stock.
- (4) Issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation Amended and Restated 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date specified in Column 6.
- (5)

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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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