

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MORRISON MICHAEL L

(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)  
05/21/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & Corp Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/21/2008		M		5,000 A \$ 3.35	19,794	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008		M		7,500 A \$ 7.31	27,294	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008		S		2,687 D \$ 16.5	24,607	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008		S		5,100 D \$ 16.51	19,507	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008		S		2,213 D \$ 16.52	17,294	D

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Common Stock	05/21/2008	S	1,600	D	\$ 16.53	15,694	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	S	900	D	\$ 16.54	14,794	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3.35	05/21/2008		M	5,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 04/21/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.31	05/21/2008		M	7,500	08/02/2006 08/02/2015	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MORRISON MICHAEL L  
2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD  
SUITE 400  
HOUSTON, TX 77042-2839

VP & Corp Controller

## Signatures

/s/Debra A. Addington,  
attorney-in-fact

05/23/2008

          \*\*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) Sold in connection with a cashless exercise of employee stock options.
  - (2) The option vested in four equal installments on April 21, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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