

Bernitsas Nikolaos  
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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 \*  
 Bernitsas Nikolaos

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)  
 02/25/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, GXT Imaging

HOUSTON, TX 77042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/25/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 15,037  | A  | \$ 2.49                           |
| Common Stock                    | 02/25/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 15,037  | D  | \$ 12.557                         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 81,451  | D  | (1)                               |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 66,414  | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee stock option (right-to-buy)       | \$ 2.49  | 02/25/2011                           |  | M                              | 15,037  | (2) 04/30/2013   | Common stock 15,037   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Bernitsas Nikolaos<br>2105 CITYWEST BLVD.<br>SUITE 400<br>HOUSTON, TX 77042 |               |           | SVP, GXT Imaging |       |

## Signatures

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

03/01/2011

\*\*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) Includes 15,333 shares of unvested restricted stock inadvertently left off of initial filing.

(2) The option became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 30, 2003.

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