

POWERS MATTHEW R
Form 4
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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 *
POWERS MATTHEW R

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 100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen Coun & Corp Secy

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,666 | A | \$ 3.1 |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,666 | D | \$ 13.05 |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 3.1 | 12/15/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 6,666 | 03/01/2017 ⁽²⁾ 03/01/2026 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POWERS MATTHEW R 2105 CITYWEST BLVD., SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77042 | | | EVP, Gen Coun & Corp Secy | |

Signatures

Rebecca F. Sacco, attorney-in-fact
 12/19/2017

__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) Exercise of cash-settled SARs. In accordance with the rules for filing Form 4, the exercise of cash-settled SARs is treated as the simultaneous purchase of the number of shares for which SARs are exercised and the sale of the same number of shares. No shares actually changed hands.
 - (2) Compensation Committee approved acceleration of the vesting of the second tranche on 12/13/2017. Final tranche to vest as scheduled on 03/01/2019.

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