BATE STEVEN
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BATE STEVEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2105 CITYWEST
BOULEVARD, SUITE 100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77042-2855

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/01/2018

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)
EVP & CFO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/01/2018		A		89,430 (1)	A	$ 0	203,464	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
Stock Appreciation Right	$ 8.85	12/01/2018		A		95,435		(2)	12/01/2028	Common Stock	95,435

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATE STEVEN 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2855			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

Rebecca F. Sacco, attorney-in-fact	12/04/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Restricted Stock award issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation Third Amended and Restated 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan. The shares of restricted stock are subject to both time-based and performance-based vesting requirements. The time-based vesting requirements provide that the shares vest in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to satisfaction of the performance-based vesting requirements. The performance-based vesting requirements provide that the shares vest in three equal portions upon achievement of ION common stock 20-day volume weighted average price per share targets of $17.50, $22.50 and $27.50, subject to satisfaction of the time-based vesting requirements.

(2) Cash-settled Stock Appreciation Right ("SARs") issued pursuant to the ION Geophysical Corporation 2018 Stock Appreciation Rights Plan. The SARs are subject to both time-based and performance-based vesting requirements. The time-based vesting requirements provide that the SARs vest in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to satisfaction of the performance-based vesting requirements. The performance-based vesting requirements provide that the SARs vest in three equal portions upon achievement of ION common stock 20-day volume weighted average price per share targets of $17.50, $22.50 and $27.50, subject to satisfaction of the time-based vesting requirements. The maximum value of each SAR is capped at $27.50.

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