

Usher Christopher Theron  
 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 \*  
 Usher Christopher Theron

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  
 BOULEVARD, 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 & COO, E&P OPER OPTIMIZAT

HOUSTON, TX 77042-2855  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/15/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>	100,000	A	\$ 3.1	137,367	D
Common Stock	12/15/2017		D <sup>(1)</sup>	100,000	D	\$ 13.05	37,367	D
Common Stock	12/15/2017		P	14,850	A	\$ 13.5	52,217	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 3.1	12/15/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>	100,000	03/01/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/01/2026	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Usher Christopher Theron 2105 CITYWEST BOULEVARD SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77042-2855			EVP & COO, E&P OPER OPTIMIZAT	

## 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).
- Exercise of cash-settled SARs. In accordance with the rules for filing Form 4, the exercise of cash-settled SARs is treated as the
- (1) 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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