

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 03, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported): January 1, 2012**

**ION Geophysical Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
  
of incorporation)

**1-12691**  
(Commission  
  
file number)

**22-2286646**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**2105 CityWest Blvd, Suite 400**

**Houston, Texas 77042-2839**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)**

**(281) 933-3339**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

As previously disclosed by ION Geophysical Corporation (the Company), on January 1, 2012, R. Brian Hanson became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Hanson succeeded Robert P. Peebler, who on January 1, 2012 became Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. On January 1, 2012, Mr. Hanson was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company.

Also on January 1, 2012, James L. Lapeyre, Jr., the Company's former Chairman of the Board, was appointed the Company's Lead Independent Director.

For additional information, please see the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 3, 2011.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 3, 2012

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ DAVID L. ROLAND  
David L. Roland  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary