

ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP
Form 8-K
July 21, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): July 21, 2017

ION Geophysical Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-12691 22-2286646
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2105 CityWest Blvd, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77042-2855
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)
(281) 933-3339
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On July 20, 2017, ION Geophysical Corporation (the “Company”) received written notice from the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) that it is not in compliance with the continued listing standards set forth in Section 802.01B of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. The Company is considered below criteria established by the NYSE for continued listing because its average market capitalization has been less than \$50 million over a consecutive 30 trading-day period, and at the same time its last reported stockholders’ equity was below \$50 million. The Company plans to notify the NYSE within 10 business days of its intent to submit a plan that demonstrates its ability to bring the Company into conformity with the continued listing standards within 18 months of receipt of the notice. The Company intends to submit the plan within 45 days. The NYSE will have 45 days after receipt of the plan to review and determine whether the Company has made a reasonable demonstration of its ability to return to conformity with the relevant standards within the 18-month period. The NYSE will either accept the plan, at which time the Company would be subject to ongoing monitoring for compliance with the plan, or the NYSE will not accept the plan and the Company would be subject to suspension and delisting procedures. During the 18-month period, the Company’s shares will continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE, subject to its continued compliance with the plan and other NYSE continued listing standards. The Company can provide no assurances that it will be able to satisfy any of the steps outlined above and maintain a listing of its shares.

There is no immediate impact on the listing of the Company’s common stock, which will continue to trade on the NYSE, subject to the Company’s compliance with other listing standards. The Company will continue to file periodic and other reports with the SEC under applicable federal securities laws.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 21, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that it has received a notice of non-compliance with the NYSE continued listing standards as described above. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated July 21, 2017

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: July 21, 2017

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CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jamey
 S. Seely
 Jamey S.
 Seely
 Executive
 Vice
 President,
 General
 Counsel
 and
 Corporate
 Secretary

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