Whitestone REIT
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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) September 25, 2012 (September 21, 2012)

### Whitestone REIT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-34855 76-0594970

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2600 South Gessner, Suite 500, Houston,

77063

Texas

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 827-9595

### Not Applicable

(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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On September 21, 2012, Whitestone REIT (the "Company"), through a subsidiary of the Company's operating partnership, Whitestone REIT Operating Partnership, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), completed the acquisition of Village Square at Dana Park ("Dana Park"), a 310,979 square foot, 71% leased community center in Mesa, Arizona, plus an additional six developed pads consisting of an aggregate of 2.9 acres and an adjacent parcel of development land consisting of 4.7 acres. Dana Park was purchased from an unrelated third party, Village Square Dana Park Syndications Group, LLC, for approximately \$50.5 million in cash and net prorations, which was funded using cash on hand and funds drawn against the Company's existing credit facility.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 25, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the acquisition of Dana Park. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Such information shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

The financial statements that are required to be filed pursuant to this item will be filed by amendment no later than 71 days after the date on which this initial Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

The pro forma financial information that are required to be filed pursuant to this item will be filed by amendment no later than 71 days after the date on which this initial Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Description

No. 99.1

Whitestone REIT Press Release dated September 25, 2012.

## **SIGNATURE**

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

Whitestone REIT Operating Partnership, L.P. (Registrant)

September 25, 2012

(Date)

/s/ DAVID K. HOLEMAN David K. Holeman Chief Financial Officer

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Whitestone REIT Press Release dated September 25, 2012.

December 31, 2009

1.07-16.39 7,766,188 5,042,682 410,873

Increase in shares authorized

2,500,000

Granted

3.42-7.19 1,249,900 (1,249,900)

Vested

1,370,897

Exercised

1.07-7.31 (323,610) (323,610)

Cancelled/forfeited

1.07-16.12 (970,686) (700,561) 674,363

Restricted stock granted out of option plans

(762,680)

Restricted stock forfeited or cancelled for employee minimum income taxes and returned to the plans

76,044

December 31, 2010

2.49-16.39 7,721,792 5,389,408 1,648,700

Increase in shares authorized

5,000,000

Granted

5.81-10.09 1,559,400 (1,559,400)

Vested

851,222

Exercised

2.49-11.51 (2,145,792) (2,145,792)

Cancelled/forfeited

3.00-15.43 (344,100) (250,300) 262,513

Restricted stock granted out of option plans

(651,661)

Restricted stock forfeited or cancelled for employee minimum income taxes and returned to the plans

93,488



December 31, 2011 \$2.49-\$16.39 6,791,300 3,844,538 4,793,640 Stock options outstanding at December 31, 2011 are summarized as follows: Weighted Weighted Average Average Exercise Weighted Exercise Price of Average Price of Outstanding Remaining Vested Options **Option Price per Share** Outstanding **Options Contract Life** Vested

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\$2.49 - \$3.85	1,228,325	\$ 3.02	6.7	885,013	\$ 3.01
4.11 - 6.42	2,105,700	\$ 5.53	8.9	449,175	\$ 5.11
6.75 - 10.50	2,311,325	\$ 7.94	6.3	1,374,400	\$ 8.42
10.81 - 16.39	1,145,950	\$ 14.52	5.9	1,135,950	\$ 14.51
Totals	6,791,300	\$ 7.41	7.1	3,844,538	\$ 8.59

Additional information related to the Company s stock options is as follows:

	Number of Shares	E	ied Average xercise Price	<b>G</b> ra	ed Average nt Date Fair <sup>7</sup> alue	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years	In	gregate trinsic ue (000 s)
Total outstanding at January 1,								
2011	7,721,792	\$	7.44			6.1		
Options granted	1,559,400	\$	6.10	\$	4.00			
Options exercised	(2,145,792)	\$	6.11					
Options cancelled	(93,800)	\$	6.84					
Options forfeited	(250,300)	\$	11.37					
Total outstanding at December 31, 2011	6,791,300	\$	7.41			7.1	\$	5,096
Options exercisable and vested at								
December 31, 2011	3,844,538	\$	8.59			5.6	\$	3,227

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$13.3 million, \$0.9 million and less than \$0.1 million, respectively. Cash received from option exercises under all share-based payment arrangements for 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$13.1 million, \$1.1 million and less than \$0.3 million, respectively. The weighted average grant date fair value for stock option awards granted during 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$4.00, \$3.81, and \$3.17 per share, respectively.

#### Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Plans

The Company has issued restricted stock and restricted stock units under the Company s 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan, 2000 Restricted Stock Plan (which expired in 2010), 1998 Restricted Stock Plan (which expired in 2008) and other applicable plans. Restricted stock units are awards that obligate the Company to issue a specific number of shares of common stock in the future if continued service vesting requirements are met. Non-forfeitable ownership of the common stock will vest over a period as determined by the Company in its sole discretion, generally in equal annual installments over a three-year period. Shares of restricted stock awarded may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered by the grantee during the vesting period.

The status of the Company s restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards for 2011 is as follows:

	Number of Shares/Units
Total nonvested at January 1, 2011	977,178
Granted	651,661
Vested	(449,231)
Forfeited	(24,813)
Total nonvested at December 31, 2011	1,154,795

At December 31, 2011, the intrinsic value of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards was approximately \$7.1 million. The weighted average grant date fair value for restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards granted during 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$6.34, \$6.30, and \$4.79 per share, respectively. The total fair value of shares vested during 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$3.3 million, \$3.3 million, and \$4.7 million, respectively.

### Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In June 2010, the Company adopted an Employee Stock Purchase Plan ( ESPP ) to replace the prior ESPP, which terminated on December 31, 2008. The ESPP allows all eligible employees to authorize payroll deductions at a rate of 1% to 10% of base compensation (or a fixed amount per pay period) for the purchase of the

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Company s common stock. Each participant is limited to purchase no more than 500 shares per offering period or 1,000 shares annually. Additionally, no participant may purchase shares in any calendar year that exceeds \$10,000 in fair market value based on the fair market value of the stock on the offering commencement date. The purchase price of the common stock is the lesser of 85% of the closing price on the first day of the applicable offering period (or most recently preceding trading day) or 85% of the closing price on the last day of the offering period (or most recently preceding trading day). Each offering period is six months and commences on February 1 and August 1 of each year. The ESPP is considered a compensatory plan under ASC 718, and the Company recorded compensation expense of approximately \$0.3 million during 2011. The expense represents the estimated fair value of the look-back purchase option. The fair value was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and was recognized over the purchase period. The total number of shares of common stock authorized and available for issuance under ESPP is 1,392,438. The maximum number of shares of common stock that may be purchased for each offering period is 100,000 (200,000 annually).

#### Stock Appreciation Rights Plan

The Company has adopted a stock appreciation rights plan which provides for the award of stock appreciation rights (SARs) to directors and selected key employees and consultants. The awards under this plan are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in agreements between the Company and the holders. The exercise price per SAR is not to be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant of the SAR. The term of each SAR shall not exceed ten years from the grant date. Upon exercise of a SAR, the holder shall receive a cash payment in an amount equal to the spread specified in the SAR agreement for which the SAR is being exercised. In no event will any shares of common stock be issued, transferred or otherwise distributed under the plan.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company had outstanding 140,000 SAR awards to one individual with an exercise price of \$3.00. The Company recorded \$0.3 million, less than \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of share-based compensation expense during 2011, 2010 and 2009 related to employee stock appreciation rights. Pursuant to ASC 718, the stock appreciation rights are considered liability awards and as such, these amounts are accrued in the liability section of the balance sheet.

#### Valuation Assumptions

The Company calculated the fair value of each stock option on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following assumptions were used for each respective period:

		Years Ended December	· 31
	2011	2010	2009
Risk-free interest rates	1.1% 1.	.9% 1.5% 2.5%	1.6% 2.4%
Expected lives (in years)	5	5.5 5.5	3.6 5.5
Expected dividend yield	0	0%	0%
Expected volatility	65.9% 80.	.2% 67.4% 71.6%	75.0% 91.9%

The computation of expected volatility during 2011, 2010 and 2009 was based on an equally weighted combination of historical volatility and market-based implied volatility. Historical volatility was calculated from historical data for a period of time approximately equal to the expected term of the option award, starting from the date of grant. Market-based implied volatility was derived from traded options on the Company s common stock having a term of six months. The Company s computation of expected life in 2011, 2010 and 2009 was determined based on historical experience of similar awards, giving consideration to the contractual terms of the stock-based awards, vesting schedules, and expectations of future employee behavior. The risk-free interest rate assumption is based upon the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected life of the option.

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### (16) Income Taxes

The sources of income (loss) before income taxes are as follows (in thousands):

	Y	Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009	
Domestic	\$ 12,674	\$ (55,547)	\$ (91,646)	
Foreign	22,028	45,651	(38,398)	
Total	\$ 34.702	\$ (9.896)	\$ (130.044)	

Components of income taxes are as follows (in thousands):

	Years	Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009	
Current:				
Federal	\$ 6,594	\$ (3,489)	\$ 526	
State and local	493	665	74	
Foreign	11,180	7,559	17,565	
Deferred:				
Federal	(4,893)	21,665	(15,258)	
Foreign	(3,238)	542	(22,892)	
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Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 10,136	\$ 26,942	\$ (19,985)	

A reconciliation of the expected income tax expense on income (loss) before income taxes using the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% for 2011, 2010 and 2009 to income tax expense is as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		er 31,
	2011	2010	2009
Expected income tax expense (benefit) at 35%	\$ 12,146	\$ (3,464)	\$ (45,515)
Alternate minimum tax provision		67	526
Foreign tax rate differential	(7,858)	(11,914)	5,341
Foreign tax differences	(2,511)		(1,053)
Formation of INOVA Geophysical		10,507	
Nondeductible financings		1,015	12,646
State and local taxes	493	665	74
Nondeductible expenses	1,091	492	1,465
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance:			
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance on formation of INOVA Geophysical		20,213	
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance on equity in losses of INOVA Geophysical	8,002	8,303	
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance on write-down of RXT shares	459	2,677	

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Deferred tax asset valuation allowance on operations	(1,686)	(1,619)	6,531
Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 10,136	\$ 26,942	\$ (19,985)

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The tax effects of the cumulative temporary differences resulting in the net deferred income tax asset (liability) are as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Current deferred:		
Deferred income tax assets:		
Accrued expenses	\$ 3,701	\$ 8,600
Allowance accounts	3,900	3,725
Inventory	457	483
Total current deferred income tax asset	8,058	12,808
Valuation allowance	(6,148)	(9,486)
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Net current deferred income tax asset	1,910	3,322
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Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Unbilled receivables	(7.502)	(15.722)
Unbliled receivables	(7,592)	(15,723)
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Net current deferred income tax (liability) asset	\$ (5,682)	\$ (12,401)
Non-current deferred:		
Deferred income tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 6,598	\$ 6,849
Capital loss carryforward	19,005	19,005
Equity method investment	33,409	25,407
Cost method investments	3,843	3,384
Basis in identified intangibles	3,606	(601)
Basis in research and development	2,045	2,804
Basis in property, plant and equipment	1,234	2,271
Tax credit carryforwards and other	10,386	9,770
Total non-current deferred income tax asset	80,126	68,889
Valuation allowance	(63,327)	(53,214)
Net non-current deferred income tax asset (liability)	\$ 16,799	\$ 15,675

In 2002, the Company established a valuation allowance for substantially all of its deferred tax assets. Since that time, the Company has continued to record a valuation allowance. In 2011, additional valuation allowance was established on certain U.S. deferred tax assets related to the Company s investment in INOVA Geophysical and its write-down of RXT shares. The valuation allowance was calculated in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Income Taxes*, which requires that a valuation allowance be established or maintained when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company will continue to record a valuation allowance for a significant portion of U.S. net deferred tax assets of \$11.9 million until there is sufficient evidence to warrant reversal. In the event the Company s expectations of future operating results change, an additional valuation allowance may be required to be established on the Company s existing unreserved net U.S. deferred tax assets. At December 31, 2011, the Company had net operating loss carry-forwards outside of the U.S. of approximately \$24.0 million, the majority of which expires beyond 2027.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company has no significant unrecognized tax benefits and does not expect to recognize any significant increases in unrecognized tax benefits during the next twelve month period. Interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits are recorded in income tax expense.

The Company  $\,$  s U.S. federal tax returns for 2007 and subsequent years remain subject to examination by tax authorities. The Company is no longer subject to IRS examination for periods prior to 2007, although

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carryforward attributes that were generated prior to 2007 may still be adjusted upon examination by the IRS if they either have been or will be used in a future period. In the Company s foreign tax jurisdictions, tax returns for 2008 and subsequent years generally remain open to examination.

United States income taxes have not been provided on the cumulative undistributed earnings of the Company s foreign subsidiaries in the amount of approximately \$16.6 million as it is the Company s intention to reinvest such earnings indefinitely. The Company s U.S. operations are expected to be fully supported by existing cash balances and U.S. generated cash flows. These foreign earnings could become subject to additional tax if remitted, or deemed remitted, to the United States as a dividend; however, it is not practicable to estimate the additional amount of taxes payable.

#### (17) Supplemental Cash Flow Information and Non-cash Activity

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information is as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31		
	2011	2010	2009
Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest	\$ 6,440	\$ 11,798	\$ 24,051
Income taxes	15,473	7,263	22,184
Non-cash items from investing and financing activities:			
Sale of rental equipment financed with a note receivable	\$ 3,578	\$	\$
Transfer of inventory to rental equipment	2,978	3,606	48,560
Exchange of receivable related to a business acquisition	2,000		
Reduction in multi-client data library related to finalization of accrued liabilities 1,888			
Expiration of BGP warrant		32,001	
Conversion of BGP Domestic Convertible Note to equity		28,571	
Investment in INOVA Geophysical 119,000			
Exchange of Reservoir Exploration Technology receivables into shares		9,516	
Investment in multi-client data library financed through trade payables 3,429			
Purchase of computer equipment financed through capital leases	2,597	555	373

#### (18) Operating Leases

*Lessee.* The Company leases certain equipment, offices, and warehouse space under non-cancelable operating leases. Rental expense was \$18.6 million, \$17.2 million, and \$16.7 million for 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

A summary of future rental commitments over the next five years under non-cancelable operating leases is as follows (in thousands):

Years Ended December 31,	
2012	\$ 11,368
2013	\$ 11,368 6,319
2014	3,699
2015	3,295
2016	3,263
Total	\$ 27,944

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#### (19) Benefit Plans

The Company has a 401(k) retirement savings plan, which covers substantially all employees. Employees may voluntarily contribute up to 60% of their compensation, as defined, to the plan. Effective June 1, 2000, the Company adopted a company matching contribution to the 401(k) plan. The Company matched the employee contribution at a rate of 50% of the first 6% of compensation contributed to the plan. In April 2009, the Company suspended its match to employee s 401(k) plan contributions, but reinstated its matching contributions in April 2010. Company contributions to the plans were \$1.4 million, \$0.9 million, and \$0.7 million, during 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### (20) Legal Matters

#### WesternGeco

In June 2009, WesternGeco L.L.C. ( WesternGeco ) filed a lawsuit against the Company in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. In the lawsuit, styled WesternGeco L.L.C. v. ION Geophysical Corporation, WesternGeco alleges that the Company has infringed several United States patents regarding marine seismic streamer steering devices that are owned by WesternGeco. WesternGeco is seeking unspecified monetary damages and an injunction prohibiting the Company from making, using, selling, offering for sale or supplying any infringing products in the United States. Based on the Company s review of the lawsuit filed by WesternGeco and the WesternGeco patents at issue, the Company believes that its products do not infringe any WesternGeco patents, that the claims asserted against the Company by WesternGeco are without merit and that the ultimate outcome of the claims against it will not result in a material adverse effect on the Company s financial condition or results of operations. The Company intends to defend the claims against it vigorously.

In June 2009, the Company filed an answer and counterclaims against WesternGeco, in which the Company denies that it has infringed WesternGeco s patents and asserts that the WesternGeco patents are invalid or unenforceable. The Company also asserted that WesternGeco s Q-Marine system, components and technology infringe upon a United States patent owned by the Company related to marine seismic streamer steering devices. The claims by the Company also assert that WesternGeco tortiously interfered with the Company s relationship with its customers. In addition, the Company claims that the lawsuit by WesternGeco is an illegal attempt by WesternGeco to control and restrict competition in the market for marine seismic surveys performed using laterally steerable streamers. In its counterclaims, the Company is requesting various remedies and relief, including a declaration that the WesternGeco patents are invalid or unenforceable, an injunction prohibiting WesternGeco from making, using, selling, offering for sale or supplying any infringing products in the United States, a declaration that the WesternGeco patents should be co-owned by the Company, and an award of unspecified monetary damages.

In June 2010, WesternGeco filed a lawsuit against various subsidiaries and affiliates of Fugro N.V. (Fugro), a seismic contractor customer of the Company, accusing Fugro of infringing the same United States patents regarding marine seismic streamer steering devices by planning to use certain equipment purchased from the Company on a survey located outside of U.S. territorial waters. The court approved the consolidation of the Fugro case with the case against the Company. Fugro filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, and in March 2011 the presiding judge granted Fugro s motion to dismiss in part, on the basis that the alleged activities of Fugro would occur more than 12 miles from the U.S. coast and therefore are not actionable under U.S. patent infringement law. On February 21, 2012, the Court granted WesternGeco s motions for summary judgment related to the Company s claims against WesternGeco for infringement, inventorship and inequitable conduct.

#### Fletcher

In November 2009, Fletcher, the holder of shares of the Company s outstanding Series D Preferred Stock, filed a lawsuit against the Company and certain of its directors in the Delaware Court of Chancery. In the lawsuit, styled *Fletcher International, Ltd. v. ION Geophysical Corporation, et al,* Fletcher alleged, among other things, that the Company violated Fletcher s consent rights contained in the Series D Preferred Stock Certificates of Designation, by ION Sàrl s execution and delivery of a convertible promissory note to the Bank of China, New York Branch, in connection with a bridge loan funded in October 2009 by Bank of China, and that the directors violated their fiduciary duty to the Company by allowing ION Sàrl to issue the convertible note without

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Fletcher s consent. A total of \$10.0 million was advanced to ION Sarl under the bridge loan, and ION Sarl repaid \$10.0 million on the following day. Fletcher sought a court order requiring ION Sarl to repay the \$10.0 million advanced to ION Sarl under the bridge loan and unspecified monetary damages. In March 2010, the presiding judge in the case denied Fletcher's request for the court order. In a Memorandum Opinion issued in May 2010 in response to a motion for partial summary judgment, the judge dismissed all of Fletcher's claims against the named Company directors but also concluded that, because the bridge loan note issued by ION Sarl was convertible into ION common stock, Fletcher technically had the right to consent to the issuance of the note and that the Company violated Fletcher's consent right by ION Sarl issuing the note without Fletcher's consent. In December 2010, the presiding judge in the case recused himself from the case and a new presiding judge was appointed to the case. In March 2011, the judge dismissed certain of the claims asserted by Fletcher. The Company believes that the remaining claims asserted by Fletcher in the lawsuit are without merit. The Company further believes that the monetary damages suffered by Fletcher as a result of ION Sarl issuing the bridge loan note without Fletcher's consent are nonexistent or nominal, and that the ultimate outcome of the lawsuit will not result in a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations. The Company intends to defend the remaining claims against it in this lawsuit vigorously.

#### Sercel

In January 2010, the jury in a patent infringement lawsuit filed by the Company against seismic equipment provider Sercel, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas returned a verdict in the Company s favor. In the lawsuit, styled Input/Output, Inc. et al v. Sercel, Inc., (5-06-cv-00236), the Company alleged that Sercel s 408, 428 and SeaRay digital seismic sensor units infringe the Company s United States Patent No. 5,852,242, which is incorporated in the Company s VectorSe® sensor technology. Products of the Company or INOVA Geophysical that are compatible with the VectorSeis technology include Scorpion<sup>®</sup>, ARIES II<sup>®</sup>, FireFly<sup>®</sup>, Hawk<sup>TM</sup> and VectorSeis Ocean seismic acquisition systems. The jury concluded that Sercel infringed the Company s patent and that the Company s patent was valid, and the jury awarded the Company \$25.2 million in compensatory past damages. In response to post-verdict motions made by the parties, in September 2010, the presiding judge issued a series of rulings that (a) granted the Company s motion for a permanent injunction to be issued prohibiting the manufacture, use or sale of the infringing Sercel products, (b) confirmed that the Company s patent was valid, (c) confirmed that the jury s finding of infringement was supported by the evidence and (d) disallowed \$5.4 million of lost profits that were based on infringing products that were manufactured and delivered by Sercel outside of the United States, but were offered for sale by Sercel in the United States and involved underlying orders and payments received by Sercel in the United States. In addition, the judge concluded that the evidence supporting the jury s finding that the Company was entitled to be awarded \$9.0 million in lost profits associated with certain infringing pre-verdict marine sales by Sercel was too speculative and therefore disallowed that award of lost profits. As a result of the judge s ruling, the Company is now entitled to be awarded an additional amount of damages equal to a reasonable royalty on the infringing pre-verdict Sercel marine sales. After the Company learned that Sercel continued to make sales of infringing products after the January 2010 jury verdict was rendered, the Company filed motions with the court to seek additional compensatory damages for the post-verdict infringing sales and enhanced damages as a result of the willful nature of Sercel s post-verdict infringement. In February 2011, the Court entered a final judgment and permanent injunction in the case. The final judgment awarded the Company \$10.7 million in damages, plus interest, and the permanent injunction prohibits Sercel and parties acting in concert with Sercel from making, using, offering to sell, selling, or importing in the United States (which includes territorial waters of the United States) Sercel s 408UL, 428XL and SeaRay digital sensor units, and all other products that are only colorably different from those products. The Court ordered that the additional damages to be paid by Sercel as a reasonable royalty on the infringing pre-verdict Sercel marine sales and the additional damages to be paid by Sercel resulting from post-verdict infringing sales would be determined in a separate future proceeding. Sercel and the Company appealed portions of the final judgment, and on February 17, 2012, the appellate court upheld the final judgment. The Company has not recorded any amounts related to this gain contingency as of December 31, 2011.

### Greatbatch

In 2002, the Company filed a lawsuit against operating subsidiaries of battery manufacturer Greatbatch, Inc., including its Electrochem division (collectively Greatbatch), in the 24th Judicial District Court for the

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Parish of Jefferson in the State of Louisiana. In the lawsuit, styled *Input/Output, Inc. and I/O Marine Systems, Inc. v. Wilson Greatbatch Technologies, Inc., Wilson Greatbatch, Ltd. d/b/a Electrochem Lithium Batteries, and WGL Intermediate Holdings, Inc., Civil Action No. 578-881, Division A, the Company alleged that Greatbatch had fraudulently misappropriated the Company's product designs and other trade secrets related to the batteries and battery pack used in the Company's DigiBIR® marine towed streamer vertical control device and used the Company's confidential information to manufacture and market competing batteries and battery packs. After a trial, on October 1, 2009 the jury concluded that Greatbatch had committed fraud, violated the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices Act and breached a trust and nondisclosure agreement between Greatbatch and the Company, and awarded the Company approximately \$21.7 million in compensatory damages. A judgment was entered consistent with the jury verdict. In December 2010, the Company and Greatbatch settled the lawsuit, pursuant to which Greatbatch paid the Company \$25.0 million in full satisfaction of the judgment. Upon the cash receipt, the Company recorded a gain on legal settlement of \$24.5 million, net of fees paid to attorneys, for the year ended December 31, 2010.* 

#### Other

The Company has been named in various other lawsuits or threatened actions that are incidental to its ordinary business. Litigation is inherently unpredictable. Any claims against the Company, whether meritorious or not, could be time-consuming, cause the Company to incur costs and expenses, require significant amounts of management time and result in the diversion of significant operational resources. The results of these lawsuits and actions cannot be predicted with certainty. Management currently believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse impact on the financial condition, results of operations or liquidity of the Company.

#### (21) Restructuring Activities

Due to the formation of INOVA Geophysical, the Company consolidated certain of its Stafford, Texas-based operations, which resulted in the Company permanently ceasing to use certain leased facilities as of March 31, 2010. The Company determined that the fair value of its remaining costs to be incurred under its lease of these facilities was approximately \$8.2 million. After considering all deferred items on the Company s balance sheet associated with this lease, the Company recorded a charge to its loss on the disposition of its land equipment businesses of \$5.0 million. As of January 1, 2011, the Company had a liability of \$6.7 million. For 2011, the Company made cash payments of \$1.2 million and accrued approximately \$0.4 million related to accretion expense, resulting in a remaining liability of \$5.9 million as of December 31, 2011.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company initiated a restructuring of its Sensor geophone operations in the Netherlands, which included reducing headcount at this location by approximately 30%. As of December 31, 2011, the Company accrued a liability of \$2.4 million associated with severance costs for these employees and recorded the corresponding expense within general and administrative expenses.

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# (22) Selected Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

A summary of selected quarterly information is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

		Three M	Ionths Ended	
Year Ended December 31, 2011	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
Product revenues	\$ 32,387	\$ 39,016	\$ 41,760	\$ 75,872
Service revenues	58,165	49,516	73,894	84,011
Total net revenues	90,552	88,532	115,654	159,883
Gross profit	31,139	33,631	44,058	64,617
Income from operations	6,071	8,800	18,496	33,428
Interest expense, net	(1,615)	(1,187)	(1,382)	(1,600)
Equity in losses of INOVA Geophysical	(860)	(4,173)	(4,811)	(13,018)
Impairment of cost method investment				(1,312)
Other income (expense)	(2,999)	497	199	168
Income tax expense	147	1,085	3,484	5,420
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	25	44	34	105
Preferred stock dividends	338	338	338	338
Net income applicable to common shares	\$ 137	\$ 2,558	\$ 8,714	\$ 12,013
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.08
Diluted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.08
		Three Mo	onths Ended	
Year Ended December 31, 2010	March 31	Three Mo June 30	onths Ended September 30	December 31
Year Ended December 31, 2010 Product revenues	March 31 \$ 40,242			December 31 \$ 51,228
		June 30	September 30	
Product revenues	\$ 40,242	<b>June 30</b> \$ 39,433	<b>September 30</b> \$ 34,299	\$ 51,228
Product revenues Service revenues	\$ 40,242 48,477	<b>June 30</b> \$ 39,433 35,953	<b>September 30</b> \$ 34,299 87,295	\$ 51,228 107,395
Product revenues Service revenues Total net revenues	\$ 40,242 48,477 88,719	June 30 \$ 39,433 35,953 75,386	<b>September 30</b> \$ 34,299 87,295	\$ 51,228 107,395
Product revenues Service revenues  Total net revenues Gross profit	\$ 40,242 48,477 88,719 22,366	June 30 \$ 39,433 35,953 75,386 28,062	September 30 \$ 34,299 87,295 121,594 48,948	\$ 51,228 107,395 158,623 66,357
Product revenues Service revenues  Total net revenues Gross profit Income (loss) from operations Interest expense, net Loss on disposition of land division	\$ 40,242 48,477 88,719 22,366 (10,977)	June 30 \$ 39,433 35,953 75,386 28,062 5,984	September 30 \$ 34,299 87,295 121,594 48,948 23,369	\$ 51,228 107,395 158,623 66,357 34,471
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(A) Includes approximately \$18.8 million of write-offs of debt discount and debt issuance costs.

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#### (23) Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions

For 2011, 2010 and 2009, the Company recorded revenues from BGP of \$34.5 million, \$16.9 million and \$32.2 million, respectively. A majority of the revenues from BGP for 2011 related to the sale of a twelve-streamer DigiSTREAMER system. Receivables due from BGP were \$15.2 million (approximately \$13.2 million of this receivable was collected in January 2012) and \$3.0 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. BGP owned approximately 15.3% (purchased in March 2010) of the Company s outstanding common stock as of December 31, 2011.

The Company was a party to a support and transition agreement to provide INOVA Geophysical with certain administrative services including tax, legal, information technology, treasury, human resources, bookkeeping, facilities and marketing services. The terms of the arrangement provide for INOVA Geophysical to pay approximately \$0.3 million per month (beginning in April 2010) for services and to reimburse the Company for third-party and lease costs incurred by the Company directly related to the administrative support of INOVA Geophysical. The term of the agreement is for two years and will automatically renew for one-year periods, unless either party provides notice of its intent to terminate the agreement. At December 31, 2011, approximately \$0.9 million was owed by INOVA Geophysical under the support and transition agreement and reflected in the balance of Accounts Receivable, net. The majority of these shared services provided by the Company are reflected as reductions to general and administrative expense. INOVA Geophysical has provided notice of its intent to terminate the agreement and services are expected to end by June 30, 2012.

Mr. James M. Lapeyre, Jr. is the Lead Independent Director on ION s board of directors, the former chairman of ION s board of directors and a significant equity owner of Laitram, L.L.C. (Laitram), and he has served as president of Laitram and its predecessors since 1989. Laitram is a privately-owned, New Orleans-based manufacturer of food processing equipment and modular conveyor belts. Mr. Lapeyre and Laitram together owned approximately 6.0% of the Company s outstanding common stock as of December 31, 2011.

The Company acquired DigiCourse, Inc., the Company s marine positioning products business, from Laitram in 1998. In connection with that acquisition, the Company entered into a Continued Services Agreement with Laitram under which Laitram agreed to provide the Company certain bookkeeping, software, manufacturing, and maintenance services. Manufacturing services consist primarily of machining of parts for the Company s marine positioning systems. The term of this agreement expired in September 2001 but the Company continues to operate under its terms. In addition, from time to time, when the Company has requested, the legal staff of Laitram has advised the Company on certain intellectual property matters with regard to the Company s marine positioning systems. Under an amended lease of commercial property dated February 1, 2006, between Lapeyre Properties, L.L.C. (an affiliate of Laitram) and ION, the Company has leased certain office and warehouse space from Lapeyre Properties through January 2014, with the right to terminate the lease sooner upon 12 months notice. During 2011, the Company paid Laitram and its affiliates a total of approximately \$6.3 million, which consisted of approximately \$5.4 million for manufacturing services, \$0.7 million for rent and other pass-through third party facilities charges, and \$0.1 million for reimbursement for costs related to providing administrative and other back-office support services in connection with the Company s Louisiana marine operations. For the 2010 and 2009 fiscal years, the Company paid Laitram and its affiliates a total of approximately \$3.1 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, for these services. In the opinion of the Company s management, the terms of these services are fair and reasonable and as favorable to the Company as those that could have been obtained from unrelated third parties at the time of their performance.

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Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets

# SCHEDULE VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

### **SCHEDULE II**

### ION GEOPHYSICAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

Year Ended December 31, 2009		Balance at Beginning of Year	Charged (Credited) to Costs and Expenses (In tho	Deductions isands)	Balance at End of Year
Allowances for doubtful accounts		\$ 5,685	\$ 3,457	\$ (3,468)	\$ 5,674
Allowances for doubtful notes			71		71
Warranty		10,526	(2,121)	(3,317)	5,088
Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets		29,098	6,531	(2,503)	33,126
Year Ended December 31, 2010	Balance at Beginning of Year	Disposed Reserves During the Period	Charged (Credited) to Costs and Expenses (In thousands)	Deductions	Balance at End of Year
Allowances for doubtful accounts	\$ 5,674	\$ (4,273)	\$ 1,689	\$ (2,245)	\$ 845
Allowances for doubtful notes	71	(71)			
Warranty	5,088	(3,821)	443	(926)	784
Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets	33,126	(15,897)	45,471		62,700
Year Ended December 31, 2011		Balance at Beginning of Year	Charged (Credited) to Costs and Expenses (In thou	Deductions sands)	Balance at End of Year
Allowances for doubtful accounts		\$ 845	\$ 597	\$ (244)	\$ 1,198
Warranty		784	1,165	(1,234)	715

62,700

6,775

69,475

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated September 24, 2007 filed on September 24, 2007 as Exhibit 3.4 to the Company s
   Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
   3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of ION Geophysical Corporation filed on September 24, 2007 as Exhibit 3.5 to the Company s
- Amended and Restated Bylaws of ION Geophysical Corporation filed on September 24, 2007 as Exhibit 3.5 to the Company Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.3 Certificate of Ownership and Merger merging ION Geophysical Corporation with and into Input/Output, Inc. dated September 21, 2007, filed on September 24, 2007 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.1 Certificate of Rights and Designations of Series D-1 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, dated February 16, 2005 and filed on February 17, 2005 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.2 Certificate of Elimination of Series B Preferred Stock dated September 24, 2007, filed on September 24, 2007 as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.3 Certificate of Elimination of Series C Preferred Stock dated September 24, 2007, filed on September 24, 2007 as Exhibit 3.3 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.4 Certificate of Designation of Series D-2 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock dated December 6, 2007, filed on December 6, 2007 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.5 Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of ION Geophysical Corporation effective as of December 31, 2008, filed on January 5, 2009 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.6 Form of Senior Indenture, filed on December 19, 2008 as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-156362) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.7 Form of Senior Note, filed on December 19, 2008 as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-156362) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.8 Form of Subordinated Indenture, filed on December 19, 2008 as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-156362) and incorporated herein by reference.
- Form of Subordinated Note, filed on December 19, 2008 as Exhibit 4.6 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-156362) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.10 Certificate of Elimination of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock dated February 10, 2012, filed on February 13, 2012 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- \*\*10.1 Amended and Restated 1990 Stock Option Plan, filed on June 9, 1999 as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-80299), and incorporated herein by reference.
  - Office and Industrial/Commercial Lease dated June 2005 by and between Stafford Office Park II, LP as Landlord and Input/Output, Inc. as Tenant, filed on March 31, 2006 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
- Office and Industrial/Commercial Lease dated June 2005 by and between Stafford Office Park District as Landlord and Input/Output, Inc. as Tenant, filed on March 31, 2006 as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
- \*\*10.4 Input/Output, Inc. Amended and Restated 1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, filed on June 9, 1999 as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-80299), and incorporated herein by reference.

**10.5	Amendment No. 1 to the Input/Output, Inc. Amended and Restated 1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan dated September 13, 1999 filed on November 14, 1999 as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q
**10.6	for the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.  Input/Output, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, filed on March 28, 1997 as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-24125), and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.7	Fifth Amended and Restated - 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan, filed as Appendix A to the definitive proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of ION Geophysical Corporation, filed on April 21, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.8	Registration Rights Agreement dated as of November 16, 1998, by and among the Company and The Laitram Corporation, filed on March 12, 2004 as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.9	Input/Output, Inc. 1998 Restricted Stock Plan dated as of June 1, 1998, filed on June 9, 1999 as Exhibit 4.7 to the Company s Registration Statement on S-8 (Registration No. 333-80297), and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.10	Input/Output Inc. Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, filed on April 1, 2002 as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.11	Input/Output, Inc. 2000 Restricted Stock Plan, effective as of March 13, 2000, filed on August 17, 2000 as Exhibit 10.27 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.12	Input/Output, Inc. 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan, filed on November 6, 2000 as Exhibit 4.7 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-49382), and incorporated by reference herein.
**10.13	Employment Agreement dated effective as of March 31, 2003, by and between the Company and Robert P. Peebler, filed on March 31, 2003 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.14	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated September 6, 2006, between Input/Output, Inc. and Robert P. Peebler, filed on September 7, 2006, as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.15	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement dated February 16, 2007, between Input/Output, Inc. and Robert P. Peebler, filed on February 16, 2007 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.16	Third Amendment to Employment Agreement dated as of August 20, 2007 between Input/Output, Inc. and Robert P. Peebler, filed on August 21, 2007 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.17	Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of January 26, 2009, between ION Geophysical Corporation and Robert P. Peebler, filed on January 29, 2009 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.18	Employment Agreement dated effective as of June 15, 2004, by and between the Company and David L. Roland, filed on August 9, 2004 as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.19	GX Technology Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan, filed on August 9, 2004 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.20	Concept Systems Holdings Limited Share Acquisition Agreement dated February 23, 2004, filed on March 5, 2004 as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.21	Registration Rights Agreement by and between ION Geophysical Corporation and 1236929 Alberta Ltd. dated September 18, 2008, filed on November 7, 2008 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and incorporated herein by reference.

**10.22	Form of Employment Inducement Stock Option Agreement for the Input/Output, Inc. Concept Systems Employment Inducement Stock Option Program, filed on July 27, 2004 as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-117716), and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.23	Form of Employee Stock Option Award Agreement for ARAM Systems Employee Inducement Stock Option Program, filed on November 14, 2008 as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-155378) and incorporated herein by reference.
10.24	Agreement dated as of February 15, 2005, between Input/Output, Inc. and Fletcher International, Ltd., filed on February 17, 2005 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
10.25	First Amendment to Agreement, dated as of May 6, 2005, between the Company and Fletcher International, Ltd., filed on May 10, 2005 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.26	Input/Output, Inc. 2003 Stock Option Plan, dated March 27, 2003, filed as Appendix B of the Company s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.27	Form of Employment Inducement Stock Option Agreement for the Input/Output, Inc. GX Technology Corporation Employment Inducement Stock Option Program, filed on April 4, 2005 as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-123831), and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.28	ION Stock Appreciation Rights Plan dated November 17, 2008, filed as Exhibit 10.47 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.29	Canadian Master Loan and Security Agreement dated as of June 29, 2009 by and among ICON ION, LLC, as lender, ION Geophysical Corporation and ARAM Rentals Corporation, a Nova Scotia corporation, filed on August 6, 2009 as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.30	Master Loan and Security Agreement (U.S.) dated as of June 29, 2009 by and among ICON ION, LLC, as lender, ION Geophysical Corporation and ARAM Seismic Rentals, Inc., a Texas corporation, filed on August 6, 2009 as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.31	Registration Rights Agreement dated as of October 23, 2009 by and between ION Geophysical Corporation and BGP Inc., China National Petroleum Corporation filed on March 1, 2010 as Exhibit 10.54 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.32	Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of March 19, 2010, by and between ION Geophysical Corporation and BGP Inc., China National Petroleum Corporation, filed on March 31, 2010 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.33	Investor Rights Agreement dated as of March 25, 2010, by and between ION Geophysical Corporation and BGP Inc., China National Petroleum Corporation, filed on March 31, 2010 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.34	Share Purchase Agreement dated as of March 24, 2010, by and among ION Geophysical Corporation, INOVA Geophysical Equipment Limited and BGP Inc., China National Petroleum Corporation, filed on March 31, 2010 as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
10.35	Joint Venture Agreement dated as of March 24, 2010, by and between ION Geophysical Corporation and BGP Inc., China National Petroleum Corporation, filed on March 31, 2010 as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.

10.36 **10.37	Credit Agreement dated as of March 25, 2010, by and among ION Geophysical Corporation, ION International S.À R.L. and China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., New York Branch, as administrative agent and lender, filed on March 31, 2010 as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference. Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement dated June 1, 2010, between ION Geophysical Corporation and Robert P. Peebler, filed on June 1, 2010 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated
	herein by reference.
**10.38	Employment Agreement dated August 2, 2011, effective as of January 1, 2012, between ION Geophysical Corporation and R. Brian Hanson, filed on November 3, 2011 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011, and incorporated herein by reference.
**10.39	Employment Agreement dated effective as of November 28, 2011, between ION Geophysical Corporation and Gregory J. Heinlein, filed on December 1, 2011 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
*21.1	Subsidiaries of the Company.
*23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
*24.1	The Power of Attorney is set forth on the signature page hereof.
*31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).
*31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).
*32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350.
*32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350.
101	The following materials are formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2011 and 2010, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and (vi) Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts.***

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K is deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Exchange Act and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.