

ION is Recharging the Planet

Internal Program Extends ION's Commitment to Environmental Sustainability

HOUSTON (December 17, 2008) – ION Geophysical Corporation (NYSE: IO) today announced its most recent commitment to environmental conservation. The company is helping 'recharge the planet' by launching an internal program to implement environmentally sustainable measures in its offices worldwide.

"The excitement around our 'Recharging the Planet' program is being felt by all employees," said Jim Hollis, President & COO of ION. "Our program has been organized by a grass roots team who are educating employees about the benefits of 'going green.' The response to our first-ever Green Week was incredible, with numerous employees telling me how glad they are to be protecting the environment and become part of the solution. I have no doubt that what we are doing will continue to have a positive impact on our employees, the community, and the planet."

ION's 'Recharging the Planet' program is focused on the three Rs – reduce, reuse, and recycle. To date, ION's headquarters and several of its satellite offices have eliminated the use of non-biodegradable materials and adopted comprehensive recycling programs for paper, plastics, aluminum, and electronics. Future initiatives are designed to expand the use of carpooling.

On November 15, ION volunteers took part in an 'America Recycles Day' event, called Drop & Swap - hosted by Sustainable Living in Houston, aimed to raise public awareness about the benefits of recycling. In the process, ION's employees helped to collect six tons of electronics, a truckload of recyclables, and another truckload of clothing and household items which was given to the Purple Heart, a service organization that helps needy veterans and their families.

To learn more about Recharging the Planet and ION's efforts to support conservation and a better community, visit:

http://www.iongeo.com/About_Us/Community_Affairs/ION_Recharging_The_Planet/



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About ION Community Affairs

As ION continues to expand its global presence, the company has made it a priority to take a growing leadership role in community affairs. Environmental conservation, community involvement, and educational support are three of the cornerstones of ION's community affairs initiatives. ION's sponsorship of America Recycles Day and its internal Recharging the Planet program has joined past commitments to the Pongos Helping Pongos and SEG Online initiatives. In addition to these sponsorships, ION remains committed to the positive treatment of the Earth's natural resources by continually reducing the company's environmental impact through numerous recycling and conservation efforts. For more information, visit http://www.iongeo.com/About_Us/Community_Affairs/.

About ION

ION is a leading provider of geophysical technology, services, and solutions for the global oil & gas industry. ION's offerings allow E&P operators to obtain higher resolution images of the subsurface to reduce the risk of exploration and reservoir development, and enable seismic contractors to acquire geophysical data more efficiently. Additional information about ION is available at <http://www.iongeo.com>.

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