FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Karnik Kiran</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ExlService Holdings, Inc. [EXLS]								of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer cable) r 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 280 PARK AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2010									(give title		Other (s below)	specify
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10017					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)																		
		Tab	le I - Nor	ı-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed (of, or Be	neficia	lly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1				Benefic	es ially Following	Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(311. 4)
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	ate, Transa Code (of E		Expiration	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			d f ; g : Security nd 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$18.24	01/04/2010			A		7,202		(2)		(3)	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	7,202	(4)	7,202		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On January 4, 2010, ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") issued options (the "Options") to purchase shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Option Shares"), to certain of its directors in accordance with the Company's compensation program for non-employee directors.
- 2. The Options were granted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Company's 2006 Omnibus Award Plan and the Company's compensation program for non-employee directors. Subject to the following sentence, and subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company, the Options shall become vested and exercisable as to 100% of the Option Shares subject thereto on December 31 of the year of grant. In the event of death or disability of the reporting person after the date of grant but prior to the vesting date specified in the preceding sentence, then the Options shall vest pro rata up to the date of
- 3. The Options shall expire at the end of the period commencing on the date of grant and ending at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the day preceding the tenth anniversary of the date of grant. In the event of death or disability of the reporting person, any portion of the Options that does not vest as set forth in footnote (2) above shall immediately expire.
- 4. Not applicable.

Remarks:

Mr. Oseni is the Company's Head of Administration and Accounts

/s/ Lazbart Oseni, Attorney-in-01/06/2010 Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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