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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROSBY ALAN M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol IONICS INC [ION]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(
65 GROVE S	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2005	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP CWG		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
WATERTOWN, MA 02472			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Da		3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
	(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		()	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)				
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/22/2005		U	11,258	D (1)	\$ 44	0	D		
Common Stock	02/22/2005		U	2,946	D (1)	\$ 44	0	I	By 401(k)	

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

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.125	02/22/2005		U	10,000	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	10,000	\$
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.5	02/22/2005		U	6,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	6,000	\$
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22	02/22/2005		U	17,200	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	17,200	\$
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.09	02/22/2005		U	15,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	15,000	\$
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07	02/22/2005		U	20,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	20,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CROSBY ALAN M 65 GROVE STREET WATERTOWN, MA 02472			VP CWG				

Signatures

/s/ Stephen Korn, Attorney-in-fact 02/22/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The disposition of the securities is exempt pursuant to Section 16b-3(e).
- Pursuant to the Merger Agreement between the issuer, General Electric Company and Triton Acquisition Corp., the stock options will be converted at the effective time of the merger into the right to receive a cash payment equal to the excess of \$44.00 over the exercise price of such stock option multiplied by the number of shares subject to such stock option. The disposition of the securities is exempt pursuant to Section 16b-3(e).

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