

Karnik Kiran
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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 *
Karnik Kiran

(Last) (First) (Middle)
350 PARK AVENUE
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ExlService Holdings, Inc. [EXLS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security		or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.505				01/02/2009					Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12,162

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Karnik Kiran 350 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			

Signatures

/s/ Lazbart Oseni,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/06/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) On January 2, 2009, 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.
- 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
- (2) 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 such event.
- 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
- (3) 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

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