

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/25/2012

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

NEW YORK, NY 10017
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				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	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				Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)				
Restricted Stock	\$ 0	09/25/2012		A	4,000		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Karnik Kiran 280 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	X			

Signatures

/s/ Lazbart Oseni,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/27/2012

**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).

The restricted stock vests upon the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant, (ii) the end of the reporting person's term on the Board of Directors of ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Board") if such person is not subsequently elected to a new term on the Board, and (iii) the occurrence of a "Change in Control", as defined in the ExlService Holdings, Inc. 2006 Omnibus Award Plan (the "2006 Plan"), and such awards settle upon the earlier of (i) the reporting person's death, (ii) the occurrence of a "Change of Control", as defined in the 2006 Plan and (iii) 180 days following the end of the reporting person's term on the Board.

Remarks:

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

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