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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Karnik Kiran</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>350 PARK AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ExlService Holdings, Inc. [ EXLS ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/02/2009</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$8.505	01/02/2009		A		12,162		(2)	(3)	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12,162	(4)	12,162	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 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 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.
- Not applicable.

**Remarks:**

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

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

\*\* 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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