

ION MEDIA NETWORKS INC.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 16)*

ION MEDIA NETWORKS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

46205A103

(CUSIP Number)

Matthew B. Hinerfeld
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(Name, address and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

January 2, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

CIG Media LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF; WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 557,331,3861

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 557,331,3861

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON

See Row 8 above.

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

98.84%²

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

1 All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in the footnotes to these cover pages shall have the meanings given to them in the Master Transaction Agreement. The aggregate number of Shares that the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own is the sum of the following (i) 44,765,516 Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons; (ii) 15,455,062 Shares that would be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons upon the Call Closing; (iii) 8,311,639 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of the 8,311,639 shares of Class B Common Stock that would be beneficially owned by the Purchaser upon the Call Closing; (iv) 164,080,068 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of \$123,060,051 of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt beneficially owned by the Purchaser; (v) 100,000,000 Shares that would be issued to the Purchaser upon exercise of the Warrant; and (vi) 224,719,101 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of the \$200,000,000 stated liquidation value of Series E-2 Convertible Preferred that the Reporting Persons received pursuant to Section 10.11 of the Master Transaction Agreement. With respect to the Call Shares identified in sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) of this footnote 1, pursuant to the Call Agreement, the obligation of the Paxson Stockholders to deliver the Call Shares to the Purchaser is conditioned on the completion of the Offer and other material conditions, including FCC approval, which approval shall have become a final order, of the purchase of the Call Shares by the Purchaser and other conditions contained in the Call Agreement. Under the Call Agreement, the requirement for a final order from the FCC may be waived by CIG, and CIG currently intends to grant such waiver. On December 31, 2007, the FCC released an order, which became effective on January 2, 2008, approving the transfer of control of the Company from Lowell W. Paxson and Paxson Management Corporation to CIG. However, the FCC order is not a final order and is subject to reconsideration or judicial review. If neither reconsideration nor judicial review is initiated, the FCC order will become a final order 40 days from the date it became effective. The 164,080,068 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of \$123,060,051 of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt beneficially owned by the Purchaser identified in clause (iv) of this footnote 1 includes (x) 133,333,333 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of \$100 million of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt purchased by the Reporting Persons on May 4, 2007; (y) 20,000,000 Shares that would be issued upon conversion of \$15 million of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt purchased by the Reporting Persons on August 21, 2007; and (z) 10,746,735 Shares that would be issued upon conversion of \$8,060,051 of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt issued to the Reporting Persons in the Contingent Exchange on August 21, 2007.

Based on information reported by the NBCU Entities, National Broadcasting Company Holding, Inc. and General Electric Company in Amendment No. 12 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 23, 2007, NBC Palm Beach I holds 25,000 shares of 11% Series B Preferred Stock, 9337.8627 shares of Series D Convertible Preferred and 3,107 shares of Series E-1 Convertible Preferred and NBCU owns \$31,621,373 in face value of Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt which, in the aggregate, are convertible into 541,426,667 Shares. If the Reporting Persons and the NBCU Entities were deemed to be a group by virtue of the transactions described in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D, the Reporting Persons would be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 1,098,758,053 Shares. However, the Reporting Persons expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares of 11% Series B Preferred Stock, Series D Convertible Preferred and Series E-1 Convertible Preferred and the Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt owned by any of the NBCU Entities.

2 The denominator used in calculating this percentage is 563,857,328 which is the sum of (i) 66,746,520 outstanding Shares as of November 8, 2007 (as reported in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2007) and (ii) 497,110,808 Shares that would be issued upon conversion of the securities disclosed in footnote 1 items (iii) through (vi) of this Schedule 13D. If the Reporting Persons and the NBCU Entities were deemed to be a group by virtue of the transactions described in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D, the Reporting Persons would be deemed to beneficially own approximately 99.41% of the Shares. However, the Reporting Persons expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares of 11% Series B Preferred Stock, Series D Convertible Preferred, and Series E-1 Convertible Preferred and the Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt owned by any of the NBCU Entities.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Citadel Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Illinois

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 557,331,3863

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 557,331,3863

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

See Row 8 above.

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

98.84%⁴

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN; IA

3 See footnote 1 above.

4 See footnote 2 above.

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- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF
- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware
- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES | 0 | |
| BENEFICIALLY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| OWNED BY | 557,331,3865 | |
| EACH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| REPORTING | 0 | |
| PERSON | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| WITH | 557,331,3865 | |
- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

See Row 8 above.

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

98.84%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO; HC

5 See footnote 1 above.

6 See footnote 2 above.

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Kenneth Griffin
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF
- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States
- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES | 0 | |
| BENEFICIALLY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| OWNED BY | 557,331,3867 | |
| EACH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| REPORTING | 0 | |
| PERSON | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| WITH | 557,331,3867 | |
- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

See Row 8 above.

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

98.84%8

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN; HC

7 See footnote 1 above.

8 See footnote 2 above.

This Amendment No. 16 to Schedule 13D (“Amendment No. 16”) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 26, 2007 (the “Original Schedule 13D”), as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on February 23, 2007 (“Amendment No. 1”), Amendment No. 2 filed on March 15, 2007 (“Amendment No. 2”), Amendment No. 3 filed on March 30, 2007 (“Amendment No. 3”), Amendment No. 4 filed on April 10, 2007 (“Amendment No. 4”), and Amendment No. 5 filed on April 12, 2007 (“Amendment No. 5”), Amendment No. 6 filed on April 30, 2007 (“Amendment No. 6”), Amendment No. 7 filed under cover of Schedule TO on May 8, 2007 (“Amendment No. 7”), Amendment No. 8 filed under cover of Schedule TO on May 10, 2007 (“Amendment No. 8”), Amendment No. 9 filed under cover of Schedule TO on May 14, 2007 (“Amendment No. 9”), Amendment No. 10 filed under cover of Schedule TO on June 5, 2007 (“Amendment No. 10”), Amendment No. 11 filed under cover of Schedule TO on June 8, 2007 (“Amendment No. 11”), Amendment No. 12 filed under cover of Schedule TO on June 18, 2007 (“Amendment No. 12”), Amendment No. 13 filed on June 22, 2007 (“Amendment No. 13”), Amendment No. 14 filed on July 27 2007 (“Amendment No. 14”), and Amendment No. 15 filed on August 23, 2007 (“Amendment No. 15” and, together with the Original Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 6, Amendment No. 7, Amendment No. 8, Amendment No. 9, Amendment No. 10, Amendment No. 11, Amendment No. 12, Amendment No. 13 and Amendment No. 14, the “Schedule 13D”), by CIG Media LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“CM”), Citadel Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (“CLP”), Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“CIG”), and Kenneth Griffin, a natural person (“Griffin” and, together with CM, CLP and CIG, the “Reporting Persons”), with respect to shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Class A Common Stock”), of ION Media Networks, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Schedule 13D. As specifically amended and supplemented by this Amendment No. 16, the Schedule 13D shall remain in full force and effect.

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following immediately after the last paragraph thereof:

On December 31, 2007, the Federal Communications Commission (the “FCC”) released an order, which became effective on January 2, 2008, approving the transfer of control of the Issuer from Lowell W. Paxson and Paxson Management Corporation to CM. However, the FCC order is not a final and is subject to reconsideration or judicial review. If neither reconsideration nor judicial review is initiated, the FCC order will become a final order 40 days from the date it became effective. Under the Call Agreement, the requirement for a final order from the FCC may be waived by CM, and CM currently intends to grant such waiver.

Except as set forth herein, in the Schedule 13D, and in the exhibits hereto and thereto, the Reporting Persons have no present plans or proposals that would result in or relate to any of the transactions or changes listed in Items 4(a) through 4(j) of the form of Schedule 13D.

ITEM 5. Interests in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D, Item 5 is hereby amended by replacing paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Item 5 in their entirety with the following:

| (a) Number of Shares | Percentage of Shares |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 557,331,3869 | 98.84%10 |

By virtue of the transactions described in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D, NBCU and the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a group for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act. However, neither the filing of this Schedule

13D nor any of its contents will be deemed to constitute an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is a beneficial owner of any shares of equity securities owned by NBCU for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

(b) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0

Shared power to vote or direct the
vote: 557,331,38611

Sole power to dispose or to direct the
disposition: 0

Shared power to dispose or direct the
disposition: 557,331,38612

The power to vote or to direct the vote or to dispose or direct the disposition of the 557,331,386 shares of the Class A Common Stock reported herein is shared among the Reporting Persons.

By virtue of the transactions described in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D, NBCU and the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a group for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act. However, neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents will be deemed to constitute an admission that any of the Reporting Persons has the sole or shared power to vote or direct the vote or dispose or direct the disposition of any shares of equity securities owned by NBCU for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose, and such sole or shared power to vote or direct the vote or dispose or direct the disposition of such shares of equity securities is expressly disclaimed.

Except as disclosed in Item 4 hereof, none of the Reporting Persons, nor to the best of their knowledge, any of their directors or executive officers, has effected any transaction in the Shares during the past 60 days.

9 The aggregate number of Shares that the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own is the sum of the following (i) 44,765,516 Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons; (ii) 15,455,062 Shares that would be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons upon the Call Closing; (iii) 8,311,639 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of the 8,311.639 shares of Class B Common Stock that would be beneficially owned by the Purchaser upon the Call Closing; (iv) 164,080,068 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of \$123,060,051 of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt beneficially owned by the Purchaser; (v) 100,000,000 Shares that would be issued to the Purchaser upon exercise of the Warrant; and (vi) 224,719,101 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of the \$200,000,000 stated liquidation value of Series E-2 Convertible Preferred that the Reporting Persons received pursuant to Section 10.11 of the Master Transaction Agreement. With respect to the Call Shares identified in sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) of this footnote 1, pursuant to the Call Agreement, the obligation of the Paxson Stockholders to deliver the Call Shares to the Purchaser is conditioned on the completion of the Offer and other material conditions, including FCC approval, which approval shall have become a final order, of the purchase of the Call Shares by the Purchaser and other conditions contained in the Call Agreement. Under the Call Agreement, the requirement for a final order from the FCC may be waived by CM, and CM currently intends to grant such waiver. On December 31, 2007, the FCC released an order, which became effective on January 2, 2008, approving the transfer of control of the Company from Lowell W. Paxson and Paxson Management Corporation to CM. However, the FCC order is not a final order and is subject to reconsideration or judicial review. If neither reconsideration nor judicial review is initiated, the FCC order will become a final order 40 days from the date it became effective. The 164,080,068 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of \$123,060,051 of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt beneficially owned by the Purchaser identified in clause (iv) of this footnote 1 includes (x) 133,333,333 Shares that would be issued to the Reporting Persons upon conversion of \$100 million of the Company's Series B Convertible

Subordinated Debt purchased by the Reporting Persons on May 4, 2007; (y) 20,000,000 Shares that would be issued upon conversion of \$15 million of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt purchased by the Reporting Persons on August 21, 2007; and (z) 10,746,735 Shares that would be issued upon conversion of \$8,060,051 of the Company's Series B Convertible Subordinated Debt issued to the Reporting Persons in the Contingent Exchange on August 21, 2007.

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11 See footnote 9 above.

12 See footnote 9 above.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 4, 2008

CIG MEDIA LLC

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

KENNETH GRIFFIN

By: Citadel Investment Group,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Matthew Hinerfeld
Matthew Hinerfeld,
attorney-in-fact*

By: /s/ Matthew Hinerfeld
Matthew Hinerfeld,
Managing
Director and Deputy
General Counsel

CITADEL INVESTMENT GROUP, L.L.C.

CITADEL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Citadel Investment Group,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Matthew Hinerfeld
Matthew Hinerfeld,
Managing
Director and Deputy General
Counsel

By: /s/ Matthew Hinerfeld
Matthew Hinerfeld,
Managing
Director and Deputy
General Counsel

* Matthew Hinerfeld is signing on behalf of Kenneth Griffin as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 4, 2005, and hereby incorporated by reference herein. The power of attorney was filed as an attachment to a filing by Citadel Limited Partnership on Schedule 13G/A for Komag, Incorporated.