

ION MEDIA NETWORKS INC.  
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January 10, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 17)\*

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)

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(Name, address and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

January 8, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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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 674,030,9031

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 674,030,9031

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)

99.0%<sup>2</sup>

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

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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) 60,220,578 Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons; (ii) 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 beneficially owned by the Purchaser; (iii) 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; (iv) 100,000,000 Shares that would be issued to the Purchaser upon exercise of the Warrant; (v) 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; and (vi) 116,699,517 Shares that would be issued to the Purchaser upon conversion of the \$87,524,638 aggregate stated liquidation preference of Series C Convertible Preferred that the Purchaser is entitled to receive upon exchange of its \$87,524,638 aggregate stated liquidation preference of Series A-2 Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 10.13 of the Master Transaction Agreement. 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 (iii) 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 1,215,457,570 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 680,556,845 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) 613,810,325 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 99.5% 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 674,030,9033

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 674,030,9033

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                      o

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

99.0%<sup>4</sup>

14        TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN; IA

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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     | 674,030,9035 |                          |
| EACH         | 9            | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| REPORTING    | 0            |                          |
| PERSON       | 10           | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| WITH         | 674,030,9035 |                          |
- 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)

99.0%6

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO; HC

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5 See footnote 1 above.

6 See footnote 2 above.

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- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
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     | 674,030,9037 |                          |
| EACH         | 9            | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| REPORTING    | 0            |                          |
| PERSON       | 10           | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| WITH         | 674,030,9037 |                          |
- 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)

99.0%8

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN; HC

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7 See footnote 1 above.

8 See footnote 2 above.

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This Amendment No. 17 to Schedule 13D (“Amendment No. 17”) 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 31, 2007 (“Amendment No. 14”), Amendment No. 15 filed on August 23, 2007 (“Amendment No. 15”), and Amendment No. 16 filed on January 4, 2008 (“Amendment No. 16” 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, Amendment No. 14 and Amendment No. 15, 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. 17, the Schedule 13D shall remain in full force and effect.

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following immediately after the last paragraph thereof:

The aggregate purchase price for the 15,455,062 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 8,311,639 shares of Class B Common Stock acquired by CM upon the Call Closing (as defined in the Call Agreement) on January 8, 2008 is \$6,274,140.81. When CM exercised the Call Right on May 7, 2007, The Bank of New York (the “Escrow Agent”) released to the Paxson Stockholders the escrow amount of \$3,863,765.50, which had been placed in escrow by NBCU, representing the exercise price of the Call Right with respect to the 15,455,062 shares of Class A Common Stock. Upon the Call Closing on January 8, 2008, CM paid \$2,410,375.31 for the shares of Class B Common Stock. The source of funding for the purchase of such shares of Class B Common Stock was the general working capital of CM.

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 January 8, 2008, the Call Closing occurred. At the Call Closing, CM acquired 15,455,062 shares of Class A Common Stock and 8,311,639 shares of Class B Common Stock, and CM delivered \$2,410,375.31 to the Paxson Stockholders.

Effective upon the Call Closing, the New Stockholders Agreement (as defined in the Master Transaction Agreement) became effective, including the governance provisions thereof.

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<br>Shares | Percentage<br>of Shares |
| 674,030,9039            | 99.0%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: 674,030,90311

Sole power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition: 0

Shared power to dispose or direct the  
disposition: 674,030,90312

The power to vote or to direct the vote or to dispose or direct the disposition of the 674,030,903 shares of the Class A Common Stock reported herein is shared among the Reporting Persons.

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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.

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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 10, 2008

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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

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\* 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.