ExlService Holdings, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

 KELSO DAVID B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Middle) (Middle)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Middle) (Middle)

(A. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year)

350 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

__X__Director _____10% Owner
____Officer ____Other
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

___ Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D) 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Expiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Expira Exercisable Date	on	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

Stock Options (right to buy) (1)	(2)	07/06/2016	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	30,000	\$ 11.88	D	Â
Restricted Stock (1)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	4,000	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KELSO DAVID B 350 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ David B.
Kelso

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- In connection with the consummation by ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") of its initial public offering, the Company will effect
 (1) a two for one stock split (the "Stock Split") of all of its outstanding shares of common stock. The amounts in this Form 3 reflect such
 Stock Split.
- (2) 25 percent of the options vest on July 6, 2007, 25 percent of the options vest on July 6, 2008, 25 percent of the options vest on July 6, 2009 and 25 percent of the options vest on July 6, 2010. Upon vesting, options are immediately exerciseable.
- The shares of restricted stock vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of the reporting person's installation as a member of (3) the Board, (ii) the end of the reporting person's term on the Company's Board of Directors, and (iii) the occurrence of a "Change in Control", as defined in the Company's 2006 Omnibus Award Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.

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Remarks:

EXHIBITÂ LIST:

Exhibit 24.1 -- Power of Attorney

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