GEOKINETICS INC

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Avista Capital Partners GP, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Street)

GEOKINETICS INC [GOK]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director Officer (give title _ 10% Owner _ Other (specify

65 E. 55TH STREET, 18TH FLOOR 01/15/2009

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

> Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)	(State) (Z	(Zip) 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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)				
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009		P			\$ 3.05	1,512,122 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)			
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009		P	146 (5)	A	\$ 3.05	398,732 (5)	I (5)	See footnote (3)			
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009		P	791 <u>(4)</u>	A	\$ 3.06	1,512,913 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)			
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009		P	209 (5)	A	\$ 3.06	398,941 <u>(5)</u>	I (5)	See footnote (3)			

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Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	2,216 (4)	A	\$ 3.07	1,515,129 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	584 (5)	A	\$ 3.07	399,525 <u>(5)</u>	I (5)	See footnote (3) (5)
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	4,748 (4)	A	\$ 3.08	1,519,877 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	1,252 (5)	A	\$ 3.08	400,777 (5)	I (5)	See footnote $\underline{(3)}$ $\underline{(5)}$
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	791 <u>(4)</u>	A	\$ 3.1	1,520,668 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	209 (5)	A	\$ 3.1	400,986 (5)	I (5)	See footnote $\underline{(3)}$ $\underline{(5)}$
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	3,957 (4)	A	\$ 3.11	1,524,625 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	1,043 (5)	A	\$ 3.11	402,029 (5)	I (5)	See footnote (3) (5)
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	3,957 (4)	A	\$ 3.12	1,528,582 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	1,043 (5)	A	\$ 3.12	403,072 (5)	I (5)	See footnote (3) (5)
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	317 (4)	A	\$ 3.14	1,528,898 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	83 (5)	A	\$ 3.14	403,156 (5)	I (5)	See footnote (3) (5)
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	475 (4)	A	\$ 3.15	1,529,373 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (2)	01/15/2009	P	125 (5)	A	\$ 3.15	403,281 (5)	I (5)	See footnote (3)
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2009	P	4,352 (4)	A	\$ 3.17	1,533,725 (4)	I (4)	See footnote (3)

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Common Stock
$$\underline{^{(2)}}$$
 01/15/2009 P $\underline{^{(5)}}$ A $\underbrace{^{(5)}}_{(5)}$ A $\underbrace{^{(5)}}_{(5)}$ 404,429 $\underline{^{(5)}}$ I $\underline{^{(5)}}$ See footnote $\underline{^{(3)}}_{(5)}$

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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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	.	ate	7. Titi Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Avista Capital Partners GP, LLC 65 E. 55TH STREET 18TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X					
Avista Capital Partners, L.P. 65 EAST 55TH STREET 18TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X					
Avista Capital Partners (Offshore), L.P. 65 EAST 55TH STREET 18TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X					

3 Reporting Owners

Signatures

/s/ Ben Silbert, General Counsel

01/20/2009

**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).
- (1) This acquisition by Avista Capital Partners, L.P. ("Avista") is reported by Avista Capital Partners GP, LLC ("Avista GP") on behalf of Avista in accordance with the Remarks below.
- (2) This acquisition by Avista Capital Partners (Offshore), L.P. ("Offshore") is reported by Avista GP on behalf of Offshore in accordance with the Remarks below.
- (3) The filing of this statement shall not be deemed an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, any Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement.
- (4) The shares of Common Stock of Geokinetics, Inc. reported on this line are owned directly by Avista and may be deemed to be indirectly owned by Avista GP, the general partner of Avista.
- (5) The shares of Common Stock of Geokinetics, Inc. reported on this line are owned directly by Offshore and may be deemed to be indirectly owned by Avista GP, the general partner of Offshore.

Remarks:

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