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 *

DARDANI EDWARD V

C/O OAK HILL CAPITAL

STREET, SUITE 1620

PARTNERS, L.P., Â 201 MAIN

(Street)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/19/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ExlService Holdings, Inc. [EXLS]

4. Relationship of Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director 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

FORT WORTH. TXÂ 76102

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Direct (D)

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 and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise

Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title

Amount or

Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Date

Number of

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock (1)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	4,000	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DARDANI EDWARD V

C/O OAK HILL CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P. 201 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1620

FORT WORTH, TXÂ 76102

Signatures

/s/ Edward
Dardani

**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.
- 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 (2) 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.
- (3) Not applicable.

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Remarks:

EXHIBITÂ LIST:

Exhibit 24.1 -- Power of Attorney

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