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Form 11-K  
June 26, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-K/A

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2002

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period ended: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-7211

IONICS, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts  
(State of incorporation)

04-2068530  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

65 Grove Street  
Watertown, Massachusetts  
(Address of principal executive offices)

02472  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 926-2500

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

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Name of each exchange on which registered: New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes  No

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The aggregate market value of the Common Stock of the registrant held by non-affiliates as of June 28, 2002 was \$415,244,560 (17,123,487 shares at \$24.25 per share). (Includes shares owned by a trust for the indirect benefit of a non-employee director, and by a trust for the indirect benefit of a spouse of a non-employee director).

As of March 21, 2003, 17,555,046 shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, were issued and outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The Registrant filed a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. Portions of such proxy statement are incorporated by reference into Item 5 and Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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The undersigned registrant hereby amends the following items, financial statements, exhibits or other portions of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 as set forth in the pages attached hereto:

1. Item 15(a) 3. of Part IV of said report on Form 10-K is amended to list Form 11-K, Annual Report of the Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002, as Exhibit 13 thereto, and the Consent of Belanger & Company, P.C., independent public accountants, as Exhibit 23.2 thereto. The Annual Report of the Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 is hereby filed pursuant to Rule 15d-21 and General Instruction F to Form 10-K as an Exhibit to said Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IONICS, INCORPORATED  
(Registrant)

Date: June 26, 2003

By: /s/Stephen Korn  
Stephen Korn  
Vice President and  
General Counsel

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### CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Arthur L. Goldstein, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 2 to annual report on Form 10-K of Ionics, Incorporated;
2. Based on my knowledge, this Amendment No. 2 to annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this Amendment No. 2 to annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls, and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ Arthur L. Goldstein

Arthur L. Goldstein  
Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer  
June 26, 2003

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### CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Daniel M. Kuzmak, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 2 to annual report on Form 10-K of Ionics, Incorporated;
2. Based on my knowledge, this Amendment No. 2 to annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;

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3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this Amendment No. 2 to annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods in this annual report;
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  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
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6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ Daniel M. Kuzmak  
Daniel M. Kuzmak  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
June 26, 2003

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### PART IV

#### **ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K**

(a) 1. Financial Statements

See Index to Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule on page 37.

2. Financial Statement Schedule

See Index to Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule on page 37. All other Financial Statement Schedules have been omitted because they are either not applicable or the required information is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or notes thereto.

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### 3. Exhibits

#### Exhibit

#### No.      Description

#### 3.0 Articles of Organization and By-Laws

- 3.1 Restated Articles of Organization filed April 16, 1986 (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997). \*
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#### 4.0 Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures

- 4.1 Renewed Rights Agreement, dated as of August 19, 1997 between Registrant and BankBoston N.A. (filed as Exhibit 1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 27, 1997). \*
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(b) Reports on Form 8-K

One report on Form 8-K was filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) during the three-month period ended December 31, 2002. This report, filed on November 14, 2002, reported under Item 9 the submission to the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Certifications signed by the Chief Executive Officer and by the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, relating to the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002 filed on November 14, 2002.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-7211

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below: Ionics Section 401(k)  
Stock Savings Plan
- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

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IONICS, INCORPORATED  
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IONICS SECTION 401(k) STOCK SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Administrators  
Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan  
Watertown,  
Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the plan administrator. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles

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used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Belanger & Company, P.C.  
 BELANGER & COMPANY, P.C.  
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Chelmsford, Massachusetts  
 June 11, 2003

**IONICS SECTION 401(k) STOCK SAVINGS PLAN  
 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	December 31,	
	2002	2001
Assets:		
Investments (see Note C)	\$23,312,269	\$27,121,799
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	51,917	49,014
Participant contributions	221,992	248,934
Total receivables	273,909	297,948
Total assets	23,586,178	27,419,747
Liabilities	0	0
Net assets available for benefits	\$23,586,178	\$27,419,747

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**IONICS SECTION 401(k) STOCK SAVINGS PLAN  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	Year Ended December 31, 2002
Additions:	
Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments (see Note C)	\$(4,616,653)
Interest	139,877
Dividends	143,301

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	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2002</u>
	(4,333,475)
Contributions:	
Participant	2,967,858
Employer	609,662
	<u>3,577,520</u>
Total additions (reductions)	(755,955)
Deductions:	
Withdrawals by and distributions to participants	(3,077,614)
	<u>(3,833,569)</u>
Net decrease	(3,833,569)
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	27,419,747
	<u>\$ 23,586,178</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

IONICS SECTION 401(k) STOCK SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Description of Plan

The following description of the Ionics, Incorporated and domestic subsidiaries ( Company ) 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

1. *General.* The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all permanent employees of the Company working at least 20 hours per week. Employees become eligible to participate effective as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following the employee s date of hire.
2. *Contributions.* Each year, participants may contribute up to 12 percent of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers Company stock and seven mutual funds as investment options for participants. The Company contributes 50% of the first 6 percent of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Company stock portion of the Plan. The matching Company contribution is invested directly in Ionics, Incorporated common stock. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.
3. *Participant Accounts.* Each participant s account is credited with the participant s contribution and allocations of (a) the Company s contribution and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on total investment earnings and average participant investment balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant s vested account.
4. *Vesting.* Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company s contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service ranging from 33 1/3% after two years to 100% after four years.
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*Participant Loans.* Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator.

6. *Payment of Benefits.* On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over the life expectancy of the Participant (or the joint life expectancy of the Participant and spouse or beneficiary).
7. *Plan Expenses.* The Plan provides that the Company shall pay all expenses of the Plan and its administration.

### B. Summary of Accounting Policies

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### *Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

Investment of the Plan in Ionics, Incorporated Common Stock is stated at the last sales price on December 31 as reported on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares of mutual funds are valued at the Net Asset Value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

### C. Investments

The following presents investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets.

	December 31,	
	2002	2001
Ionics, Incorporated common stock, 493,893 and 469,796 shares, respectively	11,260,760	14,107,974
Puritan Fund, 118,828 and 125,870 shares, respectively	1,876,296	2,224,126
Contrafund Fund, 99,891 and 101,392 shares, respectively	3,866,793	4,336,547
BT Pyramid GIC Fund	1,786,105	1,396,208
*Nonparticipant-directed		

During 2002, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) depreciated in value by \$4,616,653 as follows:

Mutual funds	\$(1,289,782)
Ionics, Incorporated common stock	(3,326,871)

\$(4,616,653)

## D. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments

Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets relating to the nonparticipant-directed investments is as follows:

	December 31,	
	2002	2001
Net assets:		
Common stock	\$11,260,760	\$14,107,974
Changes in net assets:		Year Ended 12/31/02
Contributions		\$ 1,561,171
Net depreciation		(3,326,871)
Benefits paid to participants		(1,081,514)
		\$ (2,847,214)

## E. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

## F. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2002 and 2001 to Form 5500:

	2002	2001
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 23,586,178	\$ 27,419,747
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	(4,115)	(165,207)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 23,582,063	\$ 27,254,540

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002 to Form 5500:

Distributions to participants per the financial statements	\$ 3,077,614
Add: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2002	4,115
Less: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2001	(165,207)

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Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500

\$ 2,916,522

Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants are recorded on the Form 5500 for benefit claims that have been processed and approved for payment prior to December 31st but not yet paid as of that date.

G. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 12, 1995, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan was amended and restated effective on January 1, 2002 and further amended on November 18, 2002 and December 23, 2002. On January 3, 2003 a request was made to the Internal Revenue Service for a new determination letter. It is believed that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Attachment to Form 5500  
Schedule H, Line 4 I  
EIN: 04-2068530  
Plan Number 003

Schedule I

**IONICS SECTION 401(k) STOCK SAVINGS PLAN  
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Description of Investment	Face Amount Shares or Rate	Cost	Current Value
Ionics, Incorporated Common Stock	493,893	\$13,435,232	\$11,260,760
Fidelity Investments:			
Puritan Fund	118,828	2,093,479	1,876,296
Contrafund	99,891	4,668,272	3,855,793
MainStay Institutional:			
Indexed Bond	74,406	802,167	815,492
Asset Manager Fund	105,376	1,549,936	1,124,366
Indexed Equity Fund	26,565	755,974	536,355
Money Market	173,861	173,861	
Janus Worldwide Fund	32,887	1,605,254	1,056,668
BT Pyramid GIC Fund		1,786,105	1,786,105
Participant Loans (Rate of interest 5.75% to 11.00%)		0	826,573
Total funds invested		\$26,870,280	\$23,312,269

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SIGNATURES

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Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustee (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

IONICS SECTION 401(k)  
STOCK SAVINGS PLAN

By: /s/Daniel M. Kuzmak  
Daniel M. Kuzmak, Member  
Plan Administrative Committee

Date: June 26, 2003

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**Exhibit No. 23.2 to Annual Report on Form 10-K  
of Ionics, Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2002**

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement of the Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan on Form S-8 (Registration No. 33-2092) of our report dated June 11, 2003 on our audits of the financial statements of the Ionics Section 401(k) Stock Savings Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, which report is included in this Annual Report on Form 11-K of the Plan which is being filed as Exhibit 13 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Ionics, Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2002.

/s/Belanger & Company, P.C.  
BELANGER & COMPANY, P.C.  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Chelmsford, Massachusetts  
June 25, 2003