

22nd Century Group, Inc.
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JAMES THOMAS L.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 22ND CENTURY GROUP, INC., 9530 MAIN STREET

(Street)

CLARENCE, NY 14031

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
22nd Century Group, Inc. [XXII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
VP, General Counsel & Sec'y.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 100,000 | D | |

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

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

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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 2.61 | | | | | (1) 05/27/2024 | Common Stock | 300,000 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.96 | 02/16/2015 | | A | 197,568 (2) | 02/16/2016 02/16/2025 | Common Stock | 197,568 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JAMES THOMAS L. C/O 22ND CENTURY GROUP, INC. 9530 MAIN STREET CLARENCE, NY 14031 | | | VP, General Counsel & Sec'y. | |

Signatures

/s/ John J. Wolfel, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas L. James
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 02/18/2016
 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) Fifty thousand (50,000) of the options vest immediately and the remaining options vest as follows: one hundred thousand (100,000) on each of May 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016, and fifty thousand (50,000) on May 1, 2017.
- (2) Options Vest 100% on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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