

JAMES THOMAS L.
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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., 8560 MAIN STREET

(Street)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/29/2018

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)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 06/29/2018 | | S | | 50,000 | D | \$ 2.4385 |
| | | | | | | | (4) |

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) | 8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.76 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 03/06/2028 | Common Stock | 117,146 |
| Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.39 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | 05/24/2027 | Common Stock | 124,000 |
| Stock Option Grant | \$ 0.95 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 03/04/2026 | Common Stock | 136,170 |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 2.61 | | | | | 05/01/2017 | 05/27/2024 | Common Stock | 300,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.96 | | | | | 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. 8560 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 | | | VP, General Counsel & Sec'y. | |

Signatures

/s/ John J. Wolfel, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas L.
James

07/03/2018

__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) Stock option grant which vests one-third on each of March 6, 2019, March 6, 2020 and March 6, 2021.
- (2) Stock option grant which vests one-third on each of April 1, 2018, April 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020.
- (3) Stock option grant which vests one-third on each of March 4, 2017, March 4, 2018 and March 4, 2019.

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.42 to \$2.49, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide 22nd Century Group, Inc. (the "Company"), any security holder of the Company, or the staff of the Securities & Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (4)

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