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January 31, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT: JANUARY 31, 2006
(DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

21ST CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

FLORIDA	0-2500111	65-0248866
----- (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	----- (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	----- (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)
3661 WEST OAKLAND PARK BLVD., SUITE 300 LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL		33311
----- (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)		----- (ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (954) 581-9993

NOT APPLICABLE

(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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- PRE-COMMENCEMENT COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 13E-4(C) UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT (17 CFT 240.13E-4(C))

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ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

Separation and Release Agreement

On January 31, 2006, Mr. Kent M. Linder, the Chief Operating Officer of 21st Century Holding Company (the "Company"), and the Company entered into a Separation and Release Agreement (the "Agreement") under which Mr. Linder resigned from his position as Chief Operating Officer effective as of January 31, 2006, and from all other officer and director positions with the Company and its subsidiaries. Set forth below is a description of the material terms of the Agreement.

Severance Payment. Mr. Linder will receive a severance payment of Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$36,400.00), in the aggregate, which is comprised of seven salary payments in the amount of \$5,200.00 each through April 30, 2005. The payments will be made pursuant to the Company's normal payroll schedule.

In exchange, Mr. Linder has agreed to certain covenants prohibiting competition, solicitation of employees, non-disparagement and has provided the Company with customary releases and acknowledgements.

ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Effective as of January 31, 2006, Kent M. Linder resigned as 21st Century Holding Company's (the "Company") Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Linder is resigning for personal reasons and does not have any disagreements with the Company. Mr. Linder and the Company entered into a separation and release agreement.

The Company has not appointed a replacement Chief Operating Officer at this time.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Separation and Release Agreement between 21st Century Holding Company and Kent M. Linder

SIGNATURES

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

21ST CENTURY HOLDING COMPANY

Date: January 31, 2006

By: /s/ JAMES GORDON JENNINGS, III

Name: James Gordon Jennings, III
Title: Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting and
Financial Officer)

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