

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)  
03/06/2018

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)
				(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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.76	03/06/2018		A	117,146	(1) 03/06/2028		Common Stock	117,146
Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.39					(2) 05/24/2027		Common Stock	124,000
Stock Option Grant	\$ 0.95					(3) 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	197,500

## 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

04/03/2018

\_\_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.

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