

22nd Century Group, Inc.
Form 4
March 08, 2016

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SANDERS RICHARD M.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1119 PIEDRA RONDO

(Street)

SANTA FE, NM 87501

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/04/2016

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		Code	V	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
					(A)	(D)				
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 0.95	03/04/2016	A		138,376	(1)		03/04/2021	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 1.43						03/03/2016	03/03/2020	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERS RICHARD M. 1119 PIEDRA RONDO SANTA FE, NM 87501			X	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas L. James, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard M. Sanders 03/08/2016

__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) Non-Qualified Stock Options which vest 100% on March 4, 2017.

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