

22nd Century Group, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 SANDERS RICHARD M.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1119 PIEDRA RONDO  
 (Street)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SANTA FE, NM 87501  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)**

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 Amount of Underlying Security (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		<u>(1)</u>	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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