

TGC INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 425  
September 27, 2011

**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 (date of earliest event reported): September 26, 2011**

**DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL COMPANY**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**TEXAS**  
(State of incorporation  
  
or organization)

**001-34404**  
(Commission file number)

**75-0970548**  
(I.R.S. employer identification  
number)

**508 W. WALL, SUITE 800  
MIDLAND, TEXAS**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**79701**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (432) 684-3000  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 26, 2011, Dawson Geophysical Company ( Dawson ) and TGC Industries, Inc. ( TGC ) issued a joint press release announcing the filing of definitive proxy materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with Dawson s previously announced proposed acquisition of TGC. In connection with the proposed merger, Dawson and TGC will each hold special meetings of their respective shareholders on October 27, 2011. As previously announced, shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 29, 2011 will be entitled to vote at the special meetings.

A copy of the joint press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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Important Information For Investors and Shareholders

This report does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval.

In connection with the proposed merger, Dawson filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on September 23, 2011, and a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to Dawson and TGC shareholders on or about September 27, 2011 in connection with the proposed merger.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF DAWSON AND TGC ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and shareholders may obtain free copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other documents containing important information about Dawson and TGC filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Dawson and TGC make available free of charge at [www.dawson3d.com](http://www.dawson3d.com) and [www.tgcseismic.com](http://www.tgcseismic.com), respectively (in the Investor Relations section), copies of materials they file with, or furnish to, the SEC, or investors and shareholders may contact Dawson at (432) 684-3000 or TGC at (972) 881-1099 to receive copies of documents that each company files with or furnishes to the SEC.

Participants in the Proxy Solicitation

Dawson, TGC, and certain of their respective directors and officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Dawson and TGC in connection with the proposed transactions. Information about the directors and officers of Dawson is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2011 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on December 7, 2010. Information about the directors and officers of TGC is set forth in its Amendment No. 1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, which was filed with the SEC on April 15, 2011. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the

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sources indicated above. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                             |
|-------------------|---|
| 99.1              | Press release dated September 26, 2011. |

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**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.

DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL COMPANY

Date: September 26, 2011

By: /s/ Christina W. Hagan  
Christina W. Hagan  
Executive Vice President, Secretary and  
Chief Financial Officer

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