

Moynihan Michael Robert
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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 *
 Moynihan Michael Robert

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9530 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

CLARENCE, NY 14031

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

22nd Century Group, Inc. [XXII.OB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2012

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)
 Vice President of R&D

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 | 05/15/2012 | | P | 150,000 A | 1,023,934 | 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 |
| Warrant to Purchase | \$ 1 | 05/15/2012 | | P | | 150,000 | | 05/15/2012 | 05/15/2017 | Common Stock | 150,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 0.69 | 05/18/2012 | | A | | 100,000 | | 05/18/2012 | 05/18/2022 | Common Stock | 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Moynihan Michael Robert 9530 MAIN STREET CLARENCE, NY 14031 | | | Vice President of R&D | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas L. James, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael R. Moynihan 05/21/2012

__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) The reported securities are within 150,000 22nd Century Group units purchased by the reporting person for a purchase price of \$0.60 per unit. Each unit consists of one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock.

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