

SANDERS RICHARD M.  
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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)  
5655 PENNANT COURT  
(Street)  
CAPE CORAL, FL 33914

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/28/2019

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

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)
				Code V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/28/2019		A	V	42,000 (3) \$ 2.41	A	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 of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 2.76					(1) 03/06/2023	03/06/2023	Common Stock	51,724
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 1.39					(2) 05/24/2022	05/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 0.95					03/04/2017	03/04/2021	Common Stock	138,375
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 1.43					03/03/2016	03/03/2020	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERS RICHARD M. 5655 PENNANT COURT CAPE CORAL, FL 33914	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Richard M. Sanders 03/04/2019

\*\*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 6, 2019.

(2) Non-Qualified Stock Options which vest 100% on April 1, 2018.

(3) Restricted stock units vest 100% on February 28, 2020, and are subject to continued service by the Reporting Person with the Company.

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