

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 * ZERCHER MICHAEL			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 22nd Century Group, Inc. [XXII]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President and COO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2020					
8560 MAIN ST., SUITE 4								
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2020		A		665,821 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	872,536	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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 1.07							08/24/2019	08/24/2026	Common Stock	250,000	250,000	D	
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 1.07							09/09/2019	08/24/2026	Common Stock	300,000	300,000	D	
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 1.07							09/09/2019	08/24/2026	Common Stock	100,000	100,000	D	
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 1.39							<u>(2)</u>	05/24/2027	Common Stock	68,000	68,000	D	
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 2.76							<u>(3)</u>	03/06/2028	Common Stock	77,875	77,875	D	

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZERCHER MICHAEL 8560 MAIN ST., SUITE 4 WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ John J. Wolfel, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael Zercher		03/16/2020
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

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) Restricted stock units which vest one-third on March 16, 2021, one-third on March 16, 2022 and one-third on March 16, 2023, subject to continued service by the Reporting Person with the Company.
- (2) 45,333 stock options are currently exercisable, with the remainder exercisable on April 1, 2020.
- (3) 25,959 stock options are currently exercisable, with 25,958 stock options exercisable on March 6, 2020 and March 6, 2021.

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