

RIDER CHARLES ANTHONY

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RIDER CHARLES ANTHONY

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9530 MAIN STREET

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

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

CFO and Treasurer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

CLARENCE, NY 14031

(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)
Common Stock	05/15/2012		P	12,000 A	12,000	D	

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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 or Number of Shares
Warrant to Purchase	\$ 1	05/15/2012		A		12,000		05/15/2012	05/15/2017	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.69	05/18/2012		A		25,000		05/18/2012	05/18/2022	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
RIDER CHARLES ANTHONY 9530 MAIN STREET CLARENCE, NY 14031	CFO and Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Thomas L. James, Attorney-in-Fact for C. Anthony Rider 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 12,000 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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