

22nd Century Group, Inc.
Form 4
March 08, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RUSHTON PAUL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 22ND CENTURY GROUP,
INC., 9530 MAIN STREET

(Street)

CLARENCE, NY 14031

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/04/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP of Plant Biotechnology

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

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	(D)	Price

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 0.95	03/04/2016			A		79,787		<u>(1)</u>	03/04/2026	Common Stock	79,
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 0.8417								<u>(2)</u>	10/07/2025	Common Stock	100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
RUSHTON PAUL C/O 22ND CENTURY GROUP, INC. 9530 MAIN STREET CLARENCE, NY 14031	VP of Plant Biotechnology

Signatures

John J. Wolfel, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul
Rushton 03/08/2016

__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) Stock option grant which vests one-third on each of March 4, 2017, March 4, 2018 and March 4, 2019.
- (2) Options vest on November 1, 2016 provided that Dr. Rushton remains employed by the Company through that time.

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