

DAWSON OPERATING CO
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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 *
TOBIAS C RAY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DAWSON OPERATING CO
[DWSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
508 W. WALL, SUITE 800
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chief Operating Officer

MIDLAND, TX 79701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value | 02/11/2015 | | D | | 39,713 (2) (3) | D | 0 |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 18.91 | 02/11/2015 | | D | 10,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ 12/02/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TOBIAS C RAY 508 W. WALL, SUITE 800 MIDLAND, TX 79701 | | | EVP, Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ C. Ray
Tobias

02/12/2015

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Dawson Operating Company, previously known as Dawson Geophysical Company ("Old Dawson") with a subsidiary of Dawson Geophysical Company, previously known as TGC Industries, Inc. ("New Dawson") whereby each share of Old Dawson common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share, was converted into 1.760 shares of New Dawson common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, having a market value based on the closing price of one share of New Dawson common stock on NASDAQ on the effective date of the Merger of \$5.85 (as adjusted to reflect New Dawson's 1-for-3 reverse stock split, which occurred immediately prior to the Merger) per share and a cash payment being made for any fractional shares.

(2) Includes 10,863 Restricted Stock Units, which are convertible at a rate of 1 unit for 1 share of Old Dawson common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share. Each such unit was disposed of pursuant to the Merger in exchange for 1.760 corresponding units of New Dawson, subject to the same terms and conditions.

(3) Includes 10,000 Restricted Stock Grants, which are convertible at a rate of 1 restricted share for 1 share of Old Dawson common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share. Each such restricted share was disposed of pursuant to the Merger in exchange for 1.760 corresponding restricted shares of New Dawson, subject to the same terms and conditions.

(4) This option, which was vested, was assumed by New Dawson pursuant to the Merger and replaced with an option to purchase 17,600 shares of New Dawson common stock for \$10.75 per share.

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