

DAWSON OPERATING CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
Vander Ploeg Mark A

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)

MIDLAND, TX 79701  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                   |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount  |  |                                   |
|                                   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value | 02/11/2015                           |  | D                              |   | 6,321   | 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)**

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Vander Ploeg Mark A<br>508 W. WALL, SUITE 800<br>MIDLAND, TX 79701 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark A. Vander Ploeg  
 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).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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.

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