

DAWSON OPERATING CO  
Form 4  
February 12, 2015

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JUMPER STEPHEN C

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)  
President and CEO

MIDLAND, TX 79701

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock \$0.33<br>1/3 par<br>value | 02/11/2015                              |                                                             | D                                    | 77,798<br>(2) (3)                                                          | D 11 0                                                                                                             | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)               | \$ 18.91                                                           | 02/11/2015                              |                                                             | D                                    | 15,000                                                                                                       | <sup>(4)</sup> 12/02/2018                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 15,000                                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| JUMPER STEPHEN C<br>508 W. WALL, SUITE 800<br>MIDLAND, TX 79701 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen C.  
Jumper

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.

(2) Includes 21,246 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 15,000 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 26,400 shares of New Dawson common stock for \$10.75 per share.

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