

21ST CENTURY HOLDING CO  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
LAWSON EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
21ST CENTURY HOLDING CO [TCHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3661 WEST OAKLAND PARK BLVD., SUITE 300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO & Chairman

LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL 33311

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/16/2008		S	215	D \$ 11.32	448,952	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008		S	1,100	D \$ 141.3236	447,852	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008		S	1,300	D \$ 11.33	446,552	D
Common Stock	05/16/2008		S	1,200	D \$ 11.3367	445,352	D
Common Stock						233,465	I Held by spouse,

Common Stock		10,000	I		Michele V Lawson Held by daughter

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
Options	\$ 15.79					12/05/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/05/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Options	\$ 27.79					12/15/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/15/2011	Common Stock	25,000
Options	\$ 13.17					12/06/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/06/2013	Common Stock	500
Options	\$ 13.56					01/30/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/30/2013	Common Stock	4,500
Options	\$ 13.17					12/06/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/06/2013	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

LAWSON EDWARD J  
3661 WEST OAKLAND PARK BLVD., SUITE 300 X CEO & Chairman  
LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL 33311

## Signatures

Edward J. 05/20/2008  
Lawson

    \*\*Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Options vest 20% per year.
- (2) Options are fully vested.
- (3) Options vest 25% per year.

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