

TOBIAS C RAY  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 GEOPHYSICAL 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)  
08/27/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President, COO

MIDLAND, TX 79701

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Dawson Geophysical Company-Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value	08/27/2008		M	5,000 A	\$ 7.06 30,775	D	
Dawson Geophysical Company-Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value	08/27/2008		M	3,750 A	\$ 17.91 34,525	D	
Dawson Geophysical	08/27/2008		S	5,000 D	\$ 62.7121 29,525	D	

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Geophysical

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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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 7.06	08/27/2008		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u> 11/03/2008	Dawson Geophysical-Common stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 17.91	08/27/2008		M	3,750	<u>(2)</u> 11/09/2009	Dawson Geophysical-Common stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOBIAS C RAY 508 W. WALL SUITE 800			Executive Vice President, COO	

MIDLAND, TX 79701

## Signatures

C. Ray Tobias

08/29/2008

\_\_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) The options vested in four equal installments on November 3, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (2) This option has vested or will vest in four equal installments on November 9, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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