

TOBIAS C RAY
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Dawson Geophysical Company-Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value	08/27/2008		M		5,000	A	\$ 7.06 30,775
Dawson Geophysical Company-Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value	08/27/2008		M		3,750	A	\$ 17.91 34,525
Dawson Geophysical	08/27/2008		S		5,000	D	\$ 29,525 62.7121

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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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