

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GARDNER HERBERT M</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>TGC INDUSTRIES INC [ TGE ]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/07/2012</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<b>P O BOX 463</b>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <b>WADING RIVER NY 11792</b>								
(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			
Common Stock	03/07/2012		M		10,989	A	\$8.38	630,981 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2012		F		8,837	D	\$10.42	622,144 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								72,975 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By spouse

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$8.38	03/07/2012		M			10,989	(3)	09/19/2012	Common Stock	10,989	\$92,082.1	0	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$3.09							(3)	10/22/2013	Common Stock	24,320		24,320	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$3.88							(3)	12/03/2014	Common Stock	19,936		19,936	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$6.32							(4)	11/20/2016	Common Stock	16,837		16,837	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 268,781 shares held in Reporting Persons IRA accounts.
- Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by spouse.
- Currently exercisable.
- The option vests 50% on 11-21-2011 and 50% on 11-21-2012.

Herbert M. Gardner

03/09/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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