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Form 4 Transactions Reported.

Form 3 Holdings Reported.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL **OWNERSHIP**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

| Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | |

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GARDNER HERBERT M | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TGC INDUSTRIES INC</u> [TGE] | | | | | | | | | ck all applic | , | | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|-------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|---|---|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------|-------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) P O BOX 463 | | | | | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010 | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Oth belo | er (spe ow) | ecify | |
| (Street) WADING RIVER NY 11792 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If Amenc | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Non-Deriv | ative Sec | uritie | es Ac | quire | ed, D | isposed | of, or I | Benefici | ially | / Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. | | | | | or Disposed | sed 5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Owned at e | | y | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | (Monthi/Day/Teal) | | 0) | | Amount (| | Price | | Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4 | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 619,99 | | 8(2)(4) | | D I | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 72,97 | | 6(4) | | I By Spo | | 15e ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| | | Та | able II - Deriva (e.g., p | tive Secur outs, calls, | | | | | | | | | Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | ercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) 8) Code (Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Derivative deriva Security Securi (Instr. 5) Benefi Owned Follow Repor | | ities For ficially Dire d or I ving (I) (rted action(s) | | 11. Natur of Indirect (D) (Instr. 4) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Expirat Exercisable Date | | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | er | | | | | | | |
| Nonqualified Stock Option | \$8.38 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | (3) | |) 09/19/2012 | | Common Stock 10,989 | | | 10,9 | | D | D | | |
| Nonqualified Stock Option | \$3.09 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | (, | (3) 10/23/20 | | Common Stock 24,32 | |) ⁽⁴⁾ | | 24,3 | | D | | | |
| Nonqualified Stock Option | \$3.88 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | (3) | | 3) 12/04/201 | | on 4 19,936 | 5(4) | 19,9 | | 19,936 ⁽⁴⁾ D | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by spouse.

2. Includes 255,987 shares held in Reporting Persons IRA accounts.

3. Currently exercisable.

4. Adjusted for 5% stock dividend the Company paid to all holders of record of Common Stock on May 14, 2010.

Herbert M. Gardner

02/11/2011

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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