

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BARRETT WILLIAM J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TGC INDUSTRIES INC [TGE]			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) 05/07/2012			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		
P. O. BOX 6199			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) FAIR HAVEN NJ 07704								
(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	05/07/2012		S		5,437	D	\$10.73 ⁽⁵⁾	1,739,971 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock								161,221 ⁽¹⁾	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
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:

- Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of common stock owned by spouse.
- Includes 1,688,122 shares of common stock held in Reporting Persons IRA accounts.
- Currently exercisable.
- The option vests 50% on 11-21-2011 and 50% on 11-21-2012.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.67 to \$10.79, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide TGC Industries, Inc., any security holder of TGC, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

William J. Barrett 05/09/2012
 ** 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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