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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GARDNER HERBERT M</b> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>P O BOX 6199</b> _____ (Street) <b>FAIR HAVEN NJ 07704</b> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			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)		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>12/04/2009</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		
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					

**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								591,925 <sup>(2)(6)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								69,503 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Spouse <sup>(1)</sup>

**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					
Stock Option (reload)	\$6.12 <sup>(2)</sup>							(3)	10/10/2010	Common Stock	1,695 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,695 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$8.78 <sup>(2)</sup>							(3)	09/18/2012	Common Stock	10,466 <sup>(2)</sup>	10,466 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$3.24 <sup>(2)</sup>							(3)	10/22/2013	Common Stock	23,162	23,162	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$4.07	12/04/2009		A		18,987		(5)	12/03/2014	Common Stock	18,987	18,987	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of common stock owned by spouse.
- Adjusted for the Company's 5% stock dividend paid to all holders of record of common stock on May 12, 2009.
- Currently Exercisable.
- Not applicable.
- The option vests in two equal installments beginning on 12-04-2009.
- Includes 255,987 shares held in Reporting Person's IRA accounts.

Herbert M. Gardner

12/08/2009

\*\* 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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