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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thomas James W</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL CO [DWSN]									neck all a Dir	oplicable) ector		Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 508 W. WALL SUITE 800						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2016									^ bel	cer (give title ow) VP, Chief To	otne belov echnical Offic	′	
(Street) MIDLAND TX 79701 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Lir	ie) X Foi Foi	rvidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	lly Owr	ned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Secu Bend Own	nount of irities eficially ed Following orted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount (A		A) or D)	Price	Tran	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)		(111341.4)	
Common Stock \$0.01 par value 12/02/2						2016			F		1,139(1)		D	\$7.6	95	35,372	D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, ay/Year)	Code (8)	sansaction de (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents the surrender of shares of Common Stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock issued to the Reporting Person under the Amended and Restated Dawson Geophysical Company 2006 Stock and Performance Incentive Plan.

James W. Thomas

12/07/2016

** 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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