FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* THOMPSON TIM C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL CO [DWSN]										all app	ionship of Reporting all applicable) Director		s) to Is		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5115 BRIGHTON PL						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2012										Office belov	er (give title w)		Other below)	(specify	
(Street) MIDLAND TX 79705 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Form	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr.					nd 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A (E	A) or D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(1130.4)	
DWSN-Common Stock \$0.33 1/3 par value			08/23/	2012				S		1,000		D	\$21.983		8	8,921					
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D		n Date, ray/Year) -	Date, Transactio Code (Inst		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date Expiration			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Number of			nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owner Form Direct or Ind (I) (In	t (D) lirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

Tim C. Thompson

08/24/2012

** 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).
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