

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>NELSON ALAN MARK</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3610 SPRINGMONT</u>  (Street) <u>MIDLAND TX 79701</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>01/27/2004</u>	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL CO [ DWSN ]</u>  <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director <span style="float: right;">10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float: right;">Other (specify below)</span> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vice President</u></p>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock - \$0.33 1/3 par value</u>	<u>19,391<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Common Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>04/12/2006</u>	<u>Common Stock - \$0.33 1/3 par value</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>8.65</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Common Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>04/09/2007</u>	<u>Common Stock - \$0.33 1/3 par value</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7.4065</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Common Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>11/26/2007</u>	<u>Common Stock - \$0.33 1/3 par value</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5.21</u>	<u>D</u>

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes 15,000 shares of stock options.

2. Option vests at 25% on each annual anniversary and therefore is 100% vested on the fourth anniversary. Any unexercised portion of the option expires on the fifth anniversary.

/s/ Alan Mark Nelson

03/11/2004

\*\* 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 5 (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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