

22nd Century Group, Inc.

Form SC 13G/A

January 18, 2018

**SECURITIES
AND
EXCHANGE
COMMISSION
Washington,
D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE
13G**

Under the
Securities
Exchange Act of
1934

(Amendment No.
1)*

22nd Century
Group, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock,
\$0.00001 par
value
(Title of Class of
Securities)

90137F103
(CUSIP Number)

December 31,
2017
(Date of event
which requires
filing of this
statement)

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appropriate box
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rule pursuant to
which this
Schedule 13G is
filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)
☒ Rule 13d-1(c)
☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

NAMES OF
REPORTING
PERSONS

Empery Asset
Management, LP
CHECK

THE APPROPRIATE

BOX IF A
MEMBER (b) "
OF A
GROUP

SEC USE ONLY
CITIZENSHIP OR
PLACE OF

ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE VOTING POWER
	SHARED VOTING POWER

9,531 shares of
Common Stock

6 10,543,211
shares of
Common Stock
issuable upon
exercise of
Warrants (See
Item 4)*

7 SOLE
DISPOSITIVE
POWER

8

SHARED
DISPOSITIVE
POWER

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REPORTING
PERSON

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4)*

10 CHECK BOX
IF THE
AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ..
ROW (9)
EXCLUDES
CERTAIN

11 SHARES
PERCENT OF
CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW
(9)

4.99% (See Item 4)*

TYPE OF
REPORTING
PERSON

12

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* As more fully described in Item 4, the Warrants are subject to a 4.99% blocker and the percentage set forth in row (11) gives effect to such blocker. However, as more fully described in Item 4, the securities reported in rows (6), (8) and (9) show the number of shares of Common Stock that would be issuable upon full exercise of such reported securities and do not give effect to such blocker. Therefore, the actual number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Reporting Person, after giving effect to such blocker, is less than the number of securities reported in rows (6), (8) and (9).

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
	Ryan M. Lane
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " " OF A GROUP
3	SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
4	ORGANIZATION
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This Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment") amends the statement on Schedule 13G filed on August 1, 2017 (the "Original Schedule 13G", as amended, the "Schedule 13G"), with respect to shares of Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value (the "Common Stock"), of 22nd Century Group, Inc. (the "Company"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13G. This Amendment amends and restates Items 4 and 5 in their entirety as set forth below.

Item 4. OWNERSHIP.

The information as of the date of the event which requires filing of this statement required by Items 4(a) – (c) is set forth in Rows 5 – 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person. The percentage set forth in Row 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person is based on 123,543,117 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of October 30, 2017, as represented in the Company's Prospectus Supplement on Form 424(b)(3) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2017 and assumes the exercise of the reported warrants (the "Reported Warrants") subject to the Blockers (as defined below).

Pursuant to the terms of the Reported Warrants, the Reporting Persons cannot exercise the Reported Warrants to the extent the Reporting Persons would beneficially own, after any such exercise, more than 4.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (the "Blockers"), and the percentage set forth in Row 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person gives effect to the Blockers. Consequently, as of the date of the event which requires the filing of this statement, the Reporting Persons were not able to exercise all of the Reported Warrants due to the Blockers.

The Investment Manager, which serves as the investment manager to the Empery Funds, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Warrants (subject to the Blockers) held by, the Empery Funds. Each of the Reporting Individuals, as Managing Members of the General Partner of the Investment Manager with the power to exercise investment discretion, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Warrants (subject to the Blockers) held by, the Empery Funds. The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by any Reporting Person as to beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock owned by another Reporting Person. Each of the Empery Funds and the Reporting Individuals hereby disclaim any beneficial ownership of any such shares of Common Stock.

Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [X]

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: January 18, 2018

EMPERY ASSET MANAGEMENT, LP

By: EMPERY AM GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Ryan M. Lane

Name: Ryan M. Lane

Title: Managing Member

/s/ Ryan M. Lane

Ryan M. Lane

/s/ Martin D. Hoe

Martin D. Hoe