

22nd Century Group, Inc.
Form 8-K
September 17, 2013

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 17, 2013

22nd Century Group, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada

000-54111

98-0468420

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

9530 Main Street

14031

Clarence, New York

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(716) 270-1523**

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 17, 2013, 22nd Century Group, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) to purchase all of the issued and outstanding membership interests of NASCO Products, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (“NASCO”) (the “Transaction”). NASCO is a federally licensed tobacco product manufacturer and a participating member of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement known as the MSA, an agreement among 46 U.S. states and the tobacco industry administered by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG).

The initial purchase price for the Transaction is One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (the “Purchase Price”), subject to potential closing date adjustments for any unpaid liabilities of NASCO. The Purchase Price will be paid as follows: (i) a cash payment of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and (ii) the issuance of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) in value of unregistered shares of common stock of the Company based on the average of the five (5) day closing price of the Company’s common shares on the OTCQB for the five (5) trading days immediately preceding the closing date. In no event shall the number of common shares issued by the Company be less than 640,000 or greater than 1,066,667.

The Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities. Consummation of the Transaction is subject to various conditions, including receipt of material third party consents and approvals and other customary closing conditions, including required consents and authorizations from NAAG. The Purchase Agreement contains termination rights, including a right for the Company to terminate the Purchase Agreement if the closing shall not have occurred on or before January 31, 2014. The Purchase Agreement also contemplates that the Company will enter into a management agreement and a sales agreement at closing with an affiliate of NASCO.

The forgoing summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the Purchase Agreement, which filed herewith as Exhibit 2.1.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 18, 2013, the Company will issue a press release announcing the Transaction. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 herewith.

Item 9.01(d) Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibit 2.1 Membership Interest Purchase Agreement between 22nd Century Group, Inc. and Ralph Angiuoli dated September 17, 2013.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated September 18, 2013.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

22nd Century Group, Inc.

/s/Joseph Pandolfino

Date: September 17, 2013 Joseph Pandolfino
Chief Executive Officer