

VECTOR GROUP LTD
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEBOW BENNETT S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VECTOR GROUP LTD [VGR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 100
S.E. SECOND STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chariman of the Board and CEO

(Street)
MIAMI, FL 33131

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 12/15/2004 | 12/15/2004 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 200,000 D | \$ 15.74 <u>(1)</u> | 10,310,055 I | By LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 367,033 | I | By LeBow Alpha LLLP ⁽³⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEBOW BENNETT S C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD. 100 S.E. SECOND STREET MIAMI, FL 33131 | X | X | Chariman of the Board and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Bennett S.
LeBow

12/17/2004

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents a transfer of shares by LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership as an advance on credit extended to a charitable institution.
LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership is a Nevada limited partnership. LeBow Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the sole stockholder of LeBow Gamma Inc., a Nevada corporation, which is the general partner of LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership. Mr. LeBow is a director, officer and sole stockholder of LeBow Holdings, Inc. and a director and officer of LeBow Gamma, Inc.
 - (3) LeBow Alpha LLLP is a Delaware limited liability limited partnership. LeBow Holdings, Inc. is the general partner of LeBow Alpha LLLP.

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