FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1	e and Address of Reportin <u>IPEN RICHARD</u>	g Person [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VECTOR GROUP LTD</u> [VGR]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
			—	x	Officer (give title	Other (specify		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	1	below)	below)		
			02/27/2018		EVP			
C/0	ECTOR GROUP LT).						
4400 BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR								
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		vidual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable		
(Street)				Line)				
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			—		Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)	ction	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)

 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. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.3	02/27/2018		A		62,500		02/27/2022 ⁽¹⁾	02/27/2028	Common Stock	62,500	\$0.00	62,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Subject to acceleration upon a "change of control" (as defined) or termination of employment due to death or disability.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III,</u>

02/27/2018

<u>Attorney-In-Fact</u> ** Signature of Reporting Person

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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