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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LORBER HOWARD M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD. 4400 BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR (Street) MIAMI FL 33137 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VECTOR GROUP LTD [VGR]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CEO |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/16/2017</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2017 | | S | | 226,834 | D | \$21.36 ⁽¹⁾ | 0 | I | By: Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 436,665 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,583,153 | I | By: Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership ⁽³⁾ |

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 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.36 to \$21.40, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- Lorber Gamma LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person serves as the Managing Member of the Lorber Gamma LLC and has voting and dispositive power with respect to such shares.
- Lorber Alpha II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person serves as the Managing Member of the Lorber Alpha II LLC and has voting and dispositive power with respect to such shares.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Form 4 dated November 12, 2014.)

/s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III,
Attorney-In-Fact

05/16/2017

** 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 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).

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