

Vector Group Subsidiary to Launch ZOOM Premium E-Cigarettes Nationwide

ZOOM E-Cigs To Be Launched In Disposable Styles With Quality US E-Liquid And Proprietary Technology That Delivers At Least 300 TRU-PUFFS

MIAMI--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Vector Group Ltd. (NYSE:VGR) today announced that its indirect subsidiary, Zoom E-Cigs LLC, will launch its *ZOOM* electronic cigarette brand nationwide beginning in January of 2014. Zoom's first product, a superior disposable, non-rechargeable line, will be the Company's first e-cigarette and sales and distribution of the brand will be managed by Liggett Vector Brands LLC.



ZOOM premium e-cigs will feature Tobacco and Menthol flavors, in Bold and Smooth styles. Products initially will be available nationwide in single and convenient 3-pack formats and feature low weight 100mm products, a length that is familiar to smokers of conventional cigarettes.

Developed in combination with XEO Int. Ltd., a Hannover, Germany based e-cigarette design and engineering company, *ZOOM* disposable e-cigs feature an exclusive, 130mAh battery that delivers at least 300 TRU-PUFFS, the equivalent of approximately two packs of conventional cigarettes. *ZOOM* products use a proprietary U.S. made e-liquid which produces a premium quality vapor stream with the consistent delivery of traditional tobacco and menthol flavors preferred by smokers. *ZOOM* features a soft-tip filter and proprietary packaging to complete the best-in-class e-cigarette experience. More information on *ZOOM* e-cigs is available at <u>www.zoomecigs.com</u>.

"We have carefully developed our flavorful *ZOOM* e-cigarette brand to appeal to adult smokers in the growing e-cig market and we are confident that if the category continues to expand, we will succeed with this compelling product," said Ron Bernstein, CEO of Liggett Vector Brands. "We have drawn on our own industry experience and research, German precision engineering, quality U.S. e-liquids developed under the guidance of Liggett tobacco experts, and Chinese manufacturing expertise to create *ZOOM*, which we believe is the best disposable ecigarette available today."

XEO Int. Ltd. CEO Markus Goch added, "We are proud to be working with Zoom E-Cigs LLC to develop this product, which is a giant step forward for e-cigs in the United States and represents a new U.S. standard. The flavor, puff count and overall experience are, in my opinion, second to none."

Zoom Product Packaging (Photo: Business Wire)

ZOOM's January 2014 nationwide launch will be supported with national media, including radio and key market outdoor/transit advertising. In addition, Liggett Vector Brands' national sales force will be implementing attractive trade promotion programs to ensure rapid distribution and adult smoker trial.

Vector Group is a holding company that indirectly owns Liggett Group LLC, Vector Tobacco Inc., and Zoom E-Cigs LLC and directly owns New Valley LLC. Additional information concerning the company is available on the company's website, <u>www.VectorGroupLtd.com</u>.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company has tried, whenever possible, to identify these forward-looking statements using words such as "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "expects", "plans", "intends" and similar expressions. These statements reflect the Company's current beliefs and are based upon information currently available to it. Accordingly, such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause the Company's actual results,

performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such statements.

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