

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BELL MARC N			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VECTOR GROUP LTD [VGR]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President/General Counsel		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2004			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD. 100 SE 2ND STREET			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	MIAMI FL 33131							
(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)	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	01/05/2004		M		3,500	A	\$3.92	3,500	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		1,500	D	\$16.5	2,000	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$16.48	1,600	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$16.49	1,400	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		900	D	\$16.45	500	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$16.6	0	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		M		4,000	A	\$3.92	4,000	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		800	D	\$16.55	3,200	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$16.51	2,700	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		300	D	\$16.56	2,400	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$16.6	1,700	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$16.69	1,500	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$16.73	1,000	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$16.65	300	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$16.59	100	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2004		s ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$16.67	0	D	

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$3.92	01/05/2004		M			3,500	01/01/1998	12/31/2006	Common Stock	3,500	\$3.92	62,293	D	
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$3.92	01/06/2004		M			4,000	01/01/1998	12/31/2006	Common Stock	4,000	\$3.92	58,293	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 30, 2003.

/s/ Marc N. Bell

01/07/2004

** 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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