

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LORBER HOWARD M</u>			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) <b>President and CEO</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/17/2012</u>					
<u>C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD.</u>								
<u>100 S.E. SECOND STREET; 32ND FLOOR</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
<u>MIAMI</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>33131</u>						
(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	09/17/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>		72,529	D	\$17.59	2,370,415	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2012		J <sup>(2)</sup>		115,762	D	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,254,653	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2012		J <sup>(2)</sup>		115,762	A	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	165,399	I	By: Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	09/17/2012		J <sup>(3)</sup>		115,762	D	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	49,637	I	By: Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	09/17/2012		J <sup>(3)</sup>		115,762	A	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	226,012	I	By: Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								2,569,495	I	By: Lorber Epsilon 1999 Limited Partnership <sup>(6)</sup>

**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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents a transfer of 72,529 shares from the reporting person to the issuer as payment of the reporting person's tax liability incident to the vesting of 115,762 shares of restricted stock which were awarded to the reporting person on April 7, 2009.
- Represents a transfer from the reporting person to Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership.
- Represents a transfer from Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership to Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership.
- Lorber Alpha II, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the general partner of Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person is a director, officer and controlling stockholder of Lorber Alpha II, Inc.
- Lorber Gamma, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the general partner of Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person is a director, officer and controlling stockholder of Lorber Gamma, Inc.
- Lorber Epsilon 1999 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of Lorber Epsilon 1999 Limited Partnership. Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership, is the sole member of, and the reporting person is the manager of, Lorber Epsilon 1999 LLC.

/s/ Howard M. Lorber

09/18/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\* 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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