FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LEBOW BENNETT S (Last) (First) (Middle) 667 MADISON AVENUE 14TH FLOOR (Street) | | | | 3. 03 | Susuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VECTOR GROUP LTD [VGR] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2017 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| Table I - | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yo | ransaction e nth/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | red, action (Instr. | | | | 5) S. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stoo | ck | | | 03/07/201 | .7 | | | Code | V | 100,000 | (A) or (D) | \$21.07 ⁰ | (Ir | ransactionstr. 3 an | d 4) |] | | By LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stoc | ck | | | | \neg | | | | | | | | | 1,719, | 102 | I |) | |
| Common Stoo | ck | | | | | | | | | | | | | 422,1 | .28 |] | I | By LeBow Alpha LLLP ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 175,598 | | I | | By LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership ⁽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 Occurred Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) | | cution Date, y | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Numbor of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5) | re (Mo | oiration | kercisable and n Date ay/Year) | Amou Secu Unde Deriv Secu | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) (D | Dai Exc | te ercisab | Expiration Date | n Title | or Number of Shares | | | | | | |

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.98 to \$21.18, 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. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 8, 2016.
- 2. LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership is a Delaware limited partnership. LeBow 2011 Management Trust is the managing member of LeBow Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is the sole stockholder of LeBow Gamma, Inc., a Nevada corporation, which is the general partner of LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership. Mr. LeBow is trustee of LeBow 2011 Management Trust and a director and officer of LeBow Gamma, Inc. Mr. LeBow disclaims beneficial ownership for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Issuer's common stock held by LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. LeBow Alpha LLLP is a Delaware limited liability limited partnership. LeBow Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of LeBow Alpha LLLP. LeBow 2011 Management Trust is the managing member of LeBow Holdings LLC. Mr. LeBow is trustee of LeBow 2011 Management Trust. Mr. LeBow disclaims beneficial ownership for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Issuer's common stock held by LeBow Alpha LLLP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 4. LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership is a Delaware limited partnership. LeBow Epsilon 2001 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership. LeBow 2011 Management Trust is the managing member of LeBow Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is the general partner of LeBow Alpha LLLP, a Delaware limited liability limited partnership, which is the controlling member of LeBow Epsilon 2001 LLC. Mr. LeBow is trustee of LeBow 2011 Management Trust and a manager of LeBow Epsilon 2001 LLC. Mr. LeBow disclaims beneficial ownership for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Issuer's common stock held by LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 8, 2016. Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Form 4 dated September 16, 2014, which is dated September 17, 2014.)

> /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III, Attorney-in-fact

03/07/2017

** 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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