

VECTOR GROUP LTD
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4400 BISCAYNE
BOULEVARD, SUITE 1500

(Street)

MIAMI, FL 33137

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VECTOR GROUP LTD [VGR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ <u>15.91</u> ⁽¹⁾ | 12/28/2009 | E | 250 | | | | | 12/09/2008 | 01/16/2010 | Common Stock | 27,500 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ 17.5 | 12/28/2009 | S | 250 | | | | | 12/28/2009 | 08/21/2010 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ <u>18.18</u> ⁽¹⁾ | 12/28/2009 | E | | | | 295 ⁽³⁾ | | 12/22/2008 | 01/16/2010 | Common Stock | 32,450 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ 20 | 12/28/2009 | S | | | | 295 ⁽⁴⁾ | | 12/28/2009 | 08/21/2010 | Common Stock | 29,500 |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ <u>15.91</u> ⁽¹⁾ | 12/29/2009 | E | | | | 230 | | 12/09/2008 | 01/16/2010 | Common Stock | 25,300 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ 17.5 | 12/29/2009 | S | | | | 230 | | 12/29/2009 | 08/21/2010 | Common Stock | 23,000 |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ <u>18.18</u> ⁽¹⁾ | 12/29/2009 | E | | | | 443 | | 12/22/2008 | 01/16/2010 | Common Stock | 48,730 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Put option (obligation to buy) | \$ 20 | 12/29/2009 | S | | | | 443 | | 12/29/2009 | 08/21/2010 | Common Stock | 44,300 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL
4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD
SUITE 1500
MIAMI, FL 33137 X

Frost Gamma Investments Trust
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SUITE 1500
MIAMI, FL 33137 X

Frost Nevada Investments Trust
4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD
SUITE 1500
MIAMI, FL 33137 X

Signatures

/s/ Phillip Frost, MD 12/30/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Frost Gamma Investments Trust by: /s/ Phillip Frost, MD,
Trustee 12/30/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Frost Nevada Investments Trust by: /s/ Phillip Frost, MD,
Trustee 12/30/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
(1) All share and price information has been adjusted to reflect the 5% stock dividends paid by the Issuer on September 29, 2008 and September 29, 2009, respectively.
These securities are held by Frost Gamma Investments Trust, of which Phillip Frost M.D., is the trustee. Frost Gamma L.P. is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of Frost Gamma Investments Trust. Dr. Frost is one of two limited partners of Frost Gamma L.P. The general partner of Frost Gamma L.P. is Frost Gamma, Inc., and the sole shareholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. Dr. Frost is also the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
(2) Represents the weighted average purchase price for price increments ranging from \$4.91 to \$5.00. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of derivative securities sold at each separate price for all transactions reported on this Form 4.
(3) Represents the weighted average sales price for price increments ranging from \$6.51 to \$6.89. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of derivative securities sold at each separate price for all transactions reported on this Form 4.
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