

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LORBER HOWARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 100  
S.E. SECOND STREET; 32ND  
FLOOR

(Street)

MIAMI, FL 33131

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/11/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>		162,397	D	\$ 15.38
Common Stock					2,204,988 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					52,118 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	
Common Stock					237,312 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	

By: Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership <sup>(3)</sup>

By: Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership

Common Stock	2,697,969 <sup>(2)</sup> I	<u>(4)</u> By: Lorber Epsilon 1999 Limited Partnership <u>(5)</u>
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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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

LORBER HOWARD M  
C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD.  
100 S.E. SECOND STREET; 32ND FLOOR  
MIAMI, FL 33131

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President and CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Howard M.  
Lorber

12/13/2012

\*\*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) Represents a transfer of 162,397 shares from the reporting person to the issuer as payment of the reporting person's tax liability incident to the vesting of 243,101 shares of restricted stock, which were awarded to the reporting person on April 7, 2009.

(2) All shares have been adjusted to reflect the 5% stock dividend, which was paid by Issuer on September 28, 2012.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

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