

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
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**FORM 4**

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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., 4400 BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR**

(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)  
**07/01/2016**

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/01/2016                           |  | A                              |   | 157,500   | A  | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/01/2016                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 87,561  | D  | \$ 22.47 <sup>(3)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    | 07/01/2016                           |  | J                              |   | 69,939 <sup>(4)</sup>   | D  | \$ 0  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/01/2016                           |  | J                              |   | 69,939 <sup>(4)</sup>   | A  | \$ 0  |

By: Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership

|                 |           |   |  |
|-----------------|-----------|---|--|
| Common<br>Stock | 2,460,148 | I | <u>(5)</u><br>By: Lorber<br>Alpha II<br>Limited<br>Partnership<br><u>(6)</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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| LORBER HOWARD M<br>C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD.<br>4400 BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR<br>MIAMI, FL 33137 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III,<br>Attorney-In-Fact | 07/01/2016 |
| **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).

- The Reporting Person received a restricted stock grant on July 23, 2014. The grant vests equally in seven equal installments on August 15, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021 based upon the Issuer achieving certain performance targets and the Reporting Person being continuously employed by Vector Group Ltd. This amount represents the second vesting.
- (1) Represents a transfer of shares from the Reporting Person to the Issuer as payment of the Reporting Person's tax liability incident to the vesting of shares of restricted stock, which were awarded on July 23, 2014, and vested on July 1, 2016.
  - (2) Represents the average of the high (\$22.565) and low (\$22.38) stock prices of the Issuer's Common Stock on date of vesting.
  - (3) Represents a transfer of shares from the Reporting Person to Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership.
  - (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.
  - (5) 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.
  - (6)

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