

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BERNSTEIN RONALD J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O LIGGETT VECTOR BRANDS  
INC., ONE PARK DRIVE**

(Street)

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE  
PARK, NC 27709**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/13/2005**

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 Subsidiary**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/13/2005		M		25,000	A	\$ 11.16
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		4,000	D	\$ 16.25
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		300	D	\$ 16.26
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		200	D	\$ 16.27
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		1,300	D	\$ 16.28

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Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	900	D	\$ 16.29	18,300	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 16.3	16,800	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	600	D	\$ 16.31	16,200	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	600	D	\$ 16.32	15,600	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	700	D	\$ 16.33	14,900	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	100	D	\$ 16.34	14,800	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 16.35	12,100	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 16.36	9,400	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 16.37	9,200	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 16.39	6,700	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 16.4	4,700	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	700	D	\$ 16.43	4,000	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 16.44	3,800	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 16.45	2,200	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	900	D	\$ 16.46	1,300	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	800	D	\$ 16.47	500	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	500	D	\$ 16.48	0	D

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)

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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	5. Number of Derivative Securities (Instr. 8)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 11.16	05/13/2005		M	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable: 10/26/2002 Expiration Date: 10/26/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock 25,000

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERNSTEIN RONALD J C/O LIGGETT VECTOR BRANDS INC. ONE PARK DRIVE RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709			President	Subsidiary

### Signatures

/s/ Ronald J. Bernstein                      05/13/2005  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

### 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) The options vested as to 79,768 shares on 10/26/02, as to 119,650 shares on 10/26/03 and as to 119,651 shares on 10/26/04.

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