

VECTOR GROUP LTD
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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 *
LEBOW BENNETT S

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2011

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

(Street)

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

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

MIAMI, FL 33131

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	02/28/2011		J ⁽¹⁾	2,959,328 ⁽²⁾	D \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ 3,920,160 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	I	By LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock					10,500 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					5,376,867 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	I	By LeBow Gamma Limited

Partnership
(6)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEBOW BENNETT S C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD. 100 S.E. SECOND STREET; 32ND FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33131	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ Bennett S.
LeBow 03/02/2011

**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) On February 28, 2011, for estate planning purposes, Mr. LeBow transferred to LeBow Family Irrevocable Trust (the "Trust") approximately a 75% limited partnership interest in LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") and a 49% membership interest in LeBow Epsilon 2001 LLC (which holds a 1% general partner interest in the Partnership) in exchange for a deferred payment obligation from the Trust having a value on the transaction date equal to that of the limited partnership interest and membership interest

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sold (determined in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treasury Regulations). The beneficiaries of the Trust are the children and grandchildren of Mr. LeBow. Mr. LeBow does not possess beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Trust for the purpose of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- (2) Adjusted for the Issuer's 5% stock dividend paid to stockholders on September 29, 2010.
- (3) Includes 625,000 shares previously held indirectly by LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership which were transferred to LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership on February 8, 2011.
- (4) Excludes 625,000 shares previously held indirectly by LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership which were transferred to LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership on February 8, 2011.

- (5) 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. Mr. LeBow is a manager and controlling member 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.

- (6) LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership is a Delaware limited partnership. Bennett S. LeBow Revocable Trust is the sole stockholder of LeBow Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation, 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 the sole trustee of Bennett S. LeBow Revocable Trust, a director and officer of LeBow Holdings, Inc. and a director and officer of LeBow Gamma, Inc.

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