

GELLERT JAY M
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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 *
GELLERT JAY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2006

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
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WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/01/2006		A	1,750 (1)	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A	228.798 (2)	\$ 32.78	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)

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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.02	01/01/2006		A	5,000 (3)	01/01/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/01/2016	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GELLERT JAY M 21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367	X			

Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact 01/04/2006

**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) Restricted Stock Units granted under the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors ("Plan"). Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of Director quarterly retainer fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors.
- (4) Options are exercisable in cumulative 50% annual installments beginning on January 1, 2006.

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