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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brehl Robert J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE.

SUITE 300

12/20/2006

below)

below)

Controller & Chief Acctg Off.

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 12/20/2006 Stock

1,000 A A \$0 (1)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						Ì
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						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
						2.1010154010	2410		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Brehl Robert J Controller & 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 Chief Acctg LOUISVILLE, KY 40223 Off.

Signatures

Robert J. Brehl, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

**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).
- These shares represent restricted shares granted under the 2000 Incentive Compensation Plan. These shares vest in cumulative annual installments commencing on December 20, 2007.
- (2) As of December 20, 2006, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 5,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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