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VECTOR GROUP LTD Form 8-K March 19, 2007

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 14, 2007 Vector Group Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-5759 65-0949535

(State of other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

100 S.E. Second Street, Miami, Florida

33131

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(305) 579-8000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

In 1994, Vector Group Ltd. s subsidiary, New Valley LLC, commenced an action against the United States government seeking damages for breach of a launch services agreement covering the launch of one of the Westar satellites owned by New Valley s former Western Union satellite business. On March 14, 2007, the parties entered into a Stipulation for the Entry of Judgment to settle New Valley s claims in this litigation. The settlement, among other things, calls for the payment of \$20,000,000 by the government to New Valley, inclusive of interest, with each party to bear its own costs, expenses and attorney fees. The stipulation has been submitted to the United States Court of Federal Claims for approval. Vector Group expects to recognize a pre-tax gain in 2007 of approximately \$19,500,000 in connection with the settlement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibit

(c) Exhibit.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release issued March 15, 2007

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

By: /s/ Marc N. Bell
Marc N. Bell
Vice President and General Counsel

Date: March 19, 2007