

VECTOR GROUP LTD

Form 4

August 17, 2015

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LORBER HOWARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 4400
BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR**

(Street)

MIAMI, FL 33137

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2015

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 and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	08/15/2015		A	150,000	A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	818,180	D
Common Stock	08/15/2015		F ⁽²⁾	83,411	D \$ 24.98	734,769	D
Common Stock	08/17/2017		J	66,589 ⁽³⁾	D \$ 0	668,180	D
Common Stock	08/17/2017		J	66,589 ⁽³⁾	A \$ 0	328,224	I

By: Lorber
Gamma
Limited
Partnership
⁽⁴⁾

Common
Stock

2,557,557 I

By: Lorber
Alpha II
Limited
Partnership
(5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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

LORBER HOWARD M
C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD.
4400 BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR
MIAMI, FL 33137

X

President and CEO

Signatures

/s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/17/2015

__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)

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The Reporting Person received a restricted stock grant on July 23, 2014. The grant vests equally in seven equal installments on August 15, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021 based upon the Issuer achieving certain performance targets and the Reporting Person being continuously employed by Vector Group Ltd. This amount represents the first vesting.

- (2) Represents a transfer of shares from the Reporting Person to the Issuer as payment of the Reporting Person's tax liability incident to the vesting of shares of restricted stock, which were awarded on July 23, 2014, and vested on August 15, 2015.
- (3) Represents a transfer of shares from the Reporting Person to Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership.
- (4) Lorber Gamma, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the general partner of Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person is a director, officer and controlling stockholder of Lorber Gamma, Inc.
- (5) Lorber Alpha II, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the general partner of Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person is a director, officer and controlling stockholder of Lorber Alpha II, Inc.

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