

VECTOR GROUP LTD
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

667 MADISON AVENUE, 14TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10065

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/03/2015

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 25,000 | D | \$ 22.95 <u>(2)</u> | 1,972,370 | I | By LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 25,000 | D | \$ 22.99 <u>(4)</u> | 1,947,370 | I | By LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited Partnership ⁽³⁾ |

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|--------------|--|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock | | 1,549,755 | D | |
| Common Stock | | 5,984,359 | I | By LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership <u>(5)</u> |
| Common Stock | | 382,883 | I | By LeBow Alpha LLLP <u>(6)</u> |

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEBOW BENNETT S 667 MADISON AVENUE 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10065 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III,
Attorney-in-fact

03/04/2015

**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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 4, 2014.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.56 to \$23.25, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (4) to this Form 4.

- (2) 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. LeBow 2011 Management Trust is the managing member of LeBow Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is the general partner of LeBow Alpha LLLP, a Delaware limited liability limited partnership, which is the controlling member of LeBow Epsilon 2001 LLC. Mr. LeBow is trustee of LeBow 2011 Management Trust and a manager 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.

- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.89 to \$23.17, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (4) to this Form 4.

- (4) LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership is a Delaware limited partnership. LeBow 2011 Management Trust is the managing member of LeBow Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, 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 trustee of LeBow 2011 Management Trust and a director and officer of LeBow Gamma, Inc. 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 Gamma Limited Partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- (5) LeBow Alpha LLLP is a Delaware limited liability limited partnership. LeBow Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of LeBow Alpha LLLP. LeBow 2011 Management Trust is the managing member of LeBow Holdings LLC. Mr. LeBow is trustee of LeBow 2011 Management Trust. 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 Alpha LLLP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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