

CROCKER DOUGLAS II  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
CROCKER DOUGLAS II

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)  
71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE,  
SUITE 3400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
CHICAGO, IL 60606

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)  | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/01/2010                           |  | A                              | (1)   | \$ 428.669<br>43.74   | 67,134.514   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/01/2010                           |  | A                              | (2)   | \$ 0  | 68,620.67 (3)  | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 43.74   | 01/01/2010                           |  | A                              | 5,000<br>(4)  | 01/01/2010 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/01/2020                     | Common Stock  | 5,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROCKER DOUGLAS II  
71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400 X  
CHICAGO, IL 60606

## Signatures

Douglas Crocker II, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact

01/05/2010

\_\_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) Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of Director 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.

(2) Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Stock Plan for Directors (the "Stock Plan"). These shares vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) Includes 170.156 Units acquired on December 30, 2009 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on December 30, 2009.

(4) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Stock Plan.

(5) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.

(6) Represents total number of unexercised stock options owned by the Reporting Person as of January 1, 2010.

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