

BERNSTEIN RONALD J
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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 *
BERNSTEIN RONALD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LIGGETT VECTOR BRANDS INC., ONE PARK DRIVE

(Street)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2005

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 of Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | M | | 53,685 | A | \$ 10.63 |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | S | | 25,985 | D | \$ 19 |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | S | | 1,000 | D | \$ 19.01 |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | S | | 300 | D | \$ 19.02 |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | S | | 1,000 | D | \$ 19.03 |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | S | 10,600 | D | \$ 19.05 | 14,800 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 19.06 | 14,300 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 19.08 | 14,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | S | 9,000 | D | \$ 19.18 | 5,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | S | 5,000 | D | \$ 19.3 | 0 | D |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | \$ 10.63 | 12/19/2005 | | M | 53,685 | 10/26/2002 ⁽¹⁾ | 10/26/2002 | Common Stock | 53,685 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERNSTEIN RONALD J C/O LIGGETT VECTOR BRANDS INC. ONE PARK DRIVE RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709 | X | | President of Subsidiary | |

Signatures

/s/ Ronald J.
Bernstein

12/21/2005

__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 options became fully vested on 10/26/04.

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