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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading THEOBALD THOMAS C Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 07/01/2008 below) 285 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting GREENWICH, CT 06830 (City) (State) (Zin)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	d of (D))	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	07/01/2008		A	294.325 (1)	A	\$ 42.47	20,334.201 (2)	D	
Common Stock							3,000 (3)	I	By Trust
Common Stock							1,000 (4) (5)	I	By Child

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
						Entripadit Date	Dute		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THEOBALD THOMAS C
8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285

GREENWICH, CT 06830

Signatures

Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

07/03/2008

**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).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in

 (1) 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) Includes 82.339 Units acquired on June 27, 2008, under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on June 27, 2008.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 1,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (5) As of July 1, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 35,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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