

VECTOR GROUP LTD
Form 8-K
March 06, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 6, 2006
Vector Group Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5759

65-0949535

(State of other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 S.E. Second Street, Miami, Florida

33131

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(305) 579-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 6, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Vector Group Ltd. (the Company) approved the performance factors which will be used to determine the extent to which bonuses will be payable for the 2006 fiscal year under the Vector Group Ltd. Senior Executive Annual Bonus Plan (the Bonus Plan). The Bonus Plan was adopted by the Company on January 27, 2006, subject to approval of the Bonus Plan at the Company s 2006 annual stockholders meeting. The Bonus Plan performance factors, which vary among the participants depending upon the entity that employs the participant, are as follows: for participants employed by the Company adjusted earnings before interest and taxes (Adjusted EBIT) for Liggett Group Inc. (Liggett), cash distributions to shareholders and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes and amortization for Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC; and for the participant employed by Liggett Adjusted EBIT for Liggett and Vector Tobacco Inc. The amount of individual awards under the Bonus Plan will be determined by the Compensation Committee upon attainment of the performance goals. The Compensation Committee may exercise negative discretion with respect to any award to reduce any amount that would otherwise be payable under the Bonus Plan.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

By: /s/ Richard J. Lampen
Richard J. Lampen
Executive Vice President

Date: March 6, 2006