

VECTOR GROUP LTD
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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)
01/03/2014

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2014 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,453,305 | A | \$ 16.37 <u>(1)</u> | 1,475,958 <u>(2)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 5,699,392 <u>(2)</u> | I | By LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,245,115 <u>(2)</u> | I | By LeBow Epsilon 2001 Limited |

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 364,651 ⁽²⁾ I | Partnership <u>(4)</u> By LeBow Alpha LLLP <u>(5)</u> |
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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr |
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| Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
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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 | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Bennett S.
LeBow

01/07/2014

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents the transfer of 1,453,305 shares of common stock of the Issuer from LeBow Family Irrevocable Trust to Mr. LeBow as payment for an intrafamily obligation in the net amount of approximately \$16,585,524 owed by LeBow Family Irrevocable Trust to Mr.

(1) LeBow. In connection with that transfer, Mr. LeBow assumed a margin loan balance of approximately \$7,205,079 that was owed by LeBow Family Irrevocable Trust. Mr. LeBow does not possess beneficial ownership of the shares held by LeBow Family Irrevocable Trust for the purpose of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) Adjusted for the Issuer's 5% stock dividend paid to stockholders on September 27, 2013.

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

(3) 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.

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

(4) 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.

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.

(5) 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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