

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
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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 \*  
LEBOW BENNETT S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 100  
S.E. SECOND STREET

(Street)

MIAMI, FL 33131

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2005

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)  
Chairman of the Board and CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>		500,000	D	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	9,810,055	I	By LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	05/12/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>		500,000	A	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	867,033	I	By LeBow Alpha LLLP <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	05/12/2005		J <sup>(2)</sup>		500,000	D	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	367,033	I	By LeBow Alpha LLLP <sup>(4)</sup>



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- (4) LeBow Alpha LLLP is a Delaware limited liability limited partnership. LeBow Holdings, Inc. is the general partner of LeBow Alpha LLLP.

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