

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**LORBER HOWARD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 4400  
BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR**

(Street)

**MIAMI, FL 33137**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/15/2015**

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 and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	08/15/2015		A		150,000 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	818,180	D
Common Stock	08/15/2015		F <sup>(2)</sup>		83,411 D \$ 24.98	734,769	D
Common Stock	08/17/2017		J		66,589 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 0	668,180	D
Common Stock	08/17/2017		J		66,589 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0	328,224	I

By: Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership <sup>(4)</sup>

Common  
Stock

2,557,557 I

By: Lorber  
Alpha II  
Limited  
Partnership  
(5)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LORBER HOWARD M C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD. 4400 BISCAYNE BLVD; 10TH FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33137	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III,  
Attorney-In-Fact  
Date: 08/17/2015

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)

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The Reporting Person received a restricted stock grant on July 23, 2014. The grant vests equally in seven equal installments on August 15, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021 based upon the Issuer achieving certain performance targets and the Reporting Person being continuously employed by Vector Group Ltd. This amount represents the first vesting.

- (2) Represents a transfer of shares from the Reporting Person to the Issuer as payment of the Reporting Person's tax liability incident to the vesting of shares of restricted stock, which were awarded on July 23, 2014, and vested on August 15, 2015.
- (3) Represents a transfer of shares from the Reporting Person to Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership.
- (4) Lorber Gamma, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the general partner of Lorber Gamma Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person is a director, officer and controlling stockholder of Lorber Gamma, Inc.
- (5) Lorber Alpha II, Inc., a Nevada corporation, is the general partner of Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership. The reporting person is a director, officer and controlling stockholder of Lorber Alpha II, Inc.

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