

LAMPEN RICHARD  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAMPEN RICHARD

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 100  
S.E. SECOND STREET; 32ND  
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/25/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP

(Street)  
MIAMI, FL 33131

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 05/25/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 50,000<br>(1)   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/25/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 50,000<br>(1)   | A  | By spouse                         |
| Common Stock                    | 05/29/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 6,102   | D  |                                   |

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)

Table with 10 columns: 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 Beneficially (Instr. 5), 10. Amount or Number of Shares.

### Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: LAMPEN RICHARD, C/O VECTOR GROUP LTD., 100 S.E. SECOND STREET; 32ND FLOOR, MIAMI, FL 33131, EVP.

### Signatures

/s/ Richard J Lampen 05/30/2012
\*\*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).
Amount represents a transfer of 50,000 shares (and related margin loan which is collateralized by such shares) to spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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