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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): OCTOBER 8, 2003

VECTOR GROUP LTD. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-5759 65-0949535 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. 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)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE

On October 8, 2003, Vector Group Ltd. issued a press release announcing, among other things, that it plans to close Vector Tobacco's Timberlake, North Carolina manufacturing facility and move production of Vector Tobacco's cigarette brands to Liggett Group's manufacturing facility in Mebane, North Carolina. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) The following Exhibits are provided in accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K and are filed herewith unless otherwise noted.

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

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99.1 Press Release issued October 8, 2003

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SIGNATURE

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

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

By: /s/ Joselynn D. Van Siclen

Joselynn D. Van Siclen

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 8, 2003

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