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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC [VCI] Mason Robert (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person LIVONIA, MIÂ 48152 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP - Sales & Marketing Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 10,453 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	rity Expiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/07/2006	11/07/2011	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 31.55	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2007	12/03/2012	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 29.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2007	12/03/2012	Common Stock	3,438	\$ 29.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2008	12/02/2013	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 28.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2009	12/07/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 34.54	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2010	12/06/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 30.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2012(1)	01/01/2017	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 14.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/02/2012(1)	03/02/2017	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 16.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/30/2009	01/01/2016	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 1.32	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/01/2010	01/01/2017	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 18.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/14/2017	Common Stock	37,500	\$ 34.81	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Mason Robert 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152	Â	Â	EVP - Sales & Marketing	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Robert Mason 01/07/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option vests 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning 2008 through 2012.

(2)

Reporting Owners 2

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This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per common share is equal to or exceeds \$39.81, \$44.81 and \$49.81, respectively; provided that such market price targets are achieved by December 14, 2013. In any event, however, the option vests by December 14, 2015.

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Remarks:

Exhibit Index:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney for Robert Mason

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