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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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] Goolsby Ronald (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 48167 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP - Manuf. & Client Services 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 13,458 Held by Valassis Employees' Common Stock Ι 1,559 Retirement Savings Plan 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

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2007	12/03/2012	Common Stock	8,725	\$ 29.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2008	12/02/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 28.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2009	12/07/2014	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 34.54	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2012(1)	01/01/2017	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 14.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/02/2012(2)	03/02/2017	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 16.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/01/2012(3)	08/01/2017	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 10.96	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2013(4)	01/01/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 11.69	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2014(5)	01/01/2019	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 1.32	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/09/2014(5)	01/09/2019	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 1.79	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/14/2014(5)	07/14/2019	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 6.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/27/2012(6)	02/27/2019	Common Stock	300	\$ 1.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2015(7)	01/01/2020	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 18.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(8)	12/14/2017	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 34.81	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Goolsby Ronald 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48167	Â	Â	EVP - Manuf. & Client Services	Â

Signatures

/s/ Ronald Goolsby 01/07/2011

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**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- Original grant of 7500 option vested 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning in 2008 through 2012. Reporting person exercised and sold 4500 shares subject to this option prior to becoming a reporting person.
- Original grant of 5000 option vested 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning in 2008 through 2012. Reporting person exercised and sold 3000 shares subject to this option prior to becoming a reporting person.
- Original grant of 7500 option vested 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning in 2008 through 2012. Reporting person exercised and sold 3000 shares subject to this option prior to becoming a reporting person.
- (4) This option vests 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning 2009 through 2013.
- (5) This option vests 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning 2010 through 2014.
- (6) This option vests 33.33% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning 2010 through 2012.
- (7) This option vests 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning 2011 through 2015.
- This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per
- (8) 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 Ronald Goolsby

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