

BERNSTEIN RONALD J  
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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 \*  
**BERNSTEIN RONALD J**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**C/O LIGGETT VECTOR BRANDS INC., ONE PARK DRIVE**  
  
(Street)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/19/2005**

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 of Subsidiary**

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

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2005		M	53,685 A \$ 10.63	53,685	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S	25,985 D \$ 19	27,700	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S	1,000 D \$ 19.01	26,700	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S	300 D \$ 19.02	26,400	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S	1,000 D \$ 19.03	25,400	D	

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Common Stock	12/19/2005	S	10,600	D	\$ 19.05	14,800	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	S	500	D	\$ 19.06	14,300	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	S	300	D	\$ 19.08	14,000	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	S	9,000	D	\$ 19.18	5,000	D
Common Stock	12/19/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 19.3	0	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 10.63	12/19/2005		M	53,685	10/26/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/26/2002	Common Stock	53,685

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERNSTEIN RONALD J C/O LIGGETT VECTOR BRANDS INC. ONE PARK DRIVE RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27709	X		President of Subsidiary	

## Signatures

/s/ Ronald J.  
Bernstein

12/21/2005

\_\_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) The options became fully vested on 10/26/04.

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