

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
Form 4  
January 31, 2006

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31, 2005  
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LORBER HOWARD M**

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)  
**01/30/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President and CEO**

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/30/2006		P		500,000	A	\$ 17.71	1,817,872	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Lorber Epsilon 1999 Limited Partnership
Common Stock								1,108,297	D	
Common Stock								64,800	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Lorber Alpha II Limited Partnership

