

VECTOR GROUP LTD
Form 8-K
March 07, 2005

UNITED STATES
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): March 4, 2005

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

1-5759

65-0949535

(State or Other
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(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)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

See Item 3.02, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

As previously disclosed, on November 18, 2004, Vector Group Ltd. (the Company) completed the sale of \$65.5 million of its 5% Variable Interest Senior Convertible Notes due 2011 (the Notes) to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Under the terms of the sale, the initial buyers of the Notes received the right, for a 120-day period ending on March 18, 2005, to purchase an additional \$16.375 million of the Notes.

On March 4, 2005, nine of the initial buyers of the Notes exercised their rights to purchase a total of \$1.246 million principal amount of additional Notes. As of that date, after giving effect to prior exercises of such rights, the initial buyers have purchased an additional \$16.364 million principal amount of the Notes.

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: March 4, 2005