

VECTOR GROUP LTD  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2016

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date earliest event reported): December 8, 2016

VECTOR GROUP LTD.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5759                                      65-0949535  
(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33137  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (305)  
579-8000

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

Bennett S. LeBow, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vector Group Ltd. (the "Company"), has informed the Company that he entered into a Rule 10b5-1 plan (the "Plan") on December 8, 2016.

Under the Plan, he will gradually sell a portion of his Company common stock from January 3, 2017 until April 12, 2017. The Plan directs his broker to sell up to 100,000 shares per week. The shares to be sold are held by LeBow Gamma Limited Partnership, an entity controlled by Mr. LeBow. Pursuant to the Plan, up to 1,500,000 shares can be sold. As reported in Mr. LeBow's most recent Schedule 13D, Mr. LeBow currently beneficially owns 8,914,581 shares of the Company's common stock adjusted for the Company's 5% stock dividend, which was paid on September 29, 2016 to stockholders of record as of September 21, 2016. The Company has been advised that Mr. LeBow entered into the Plan in connection with personal estate planning and in order to diversify his personal holdings.

Mr. LeBow will report transactions effected under the Plan through Form 144 and Form 4 filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as appropriate.

The Plan is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and with Vector's Equity Retention and Hedging Policy and Stock Ownership Guidelines as well as compliance with Federal Securities Laws.

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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/ J. Bryant Kirkland III  
J. Bryant Kirkland  
Sr. Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 9, 2016