

SCHULTZ ALAN F  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SCHULTZ ALAN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC [VCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/20/2010

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

LIVONIA, MI 48152

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/20/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 135,000 A \$ 26.9   | 380,428   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/20/2010                           |  | S                              | 133,700 D \$ 33.5843 <sup>(2)</sup>                               | 246,728   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/20/2010                           |  | S                              | 1,300 D \$ 34.26 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 245,428   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,028   | I  | Valassis Employees' Retirement                        |

Savings  
Plan

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 26.9  | 09/20/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 135,000   | 10/01/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/01/2010                     | Common Stock 133  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| SCHULTZ ALAN F<br>VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.<br>19975 VICTOR PARKWAY<br>LIVONIA, MI 48152 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Linda J. Schalek, by Power of Attorney  
09/22/2010

\_\_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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
  - (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.25 to \$34.24, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the

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issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$34.25
- (3) to \$34.30, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
  - (4) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 135,000 shares vested in three equal installments on October 20, 2004, February 25, 2005 and October 1, 2008.

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