

VECTOR GROUP LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a)
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)**

(Amendment No. 4)*

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

92240M108

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 14, 2014

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Phillip Frost, M.D.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

2(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4 ☐

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 ☐

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF ☒ 0

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY ☒ 17,031,964¹

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING
PERSON ☒ 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 17,031,964¹

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 17,031,964 ¹

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12 o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 16.7%²

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14 IN

¹ Includes 12,776,245 Common Shares of the Issuer held by the Gamma Trust (as defined herein), 2,121,479 Common Shares held by Nevada Trust (as defined herein), 2,121,479 Common Shares to be issued upon the conversion of the 6.75% Notes (as defined in the 13D/A dated May 11, 2009) held by Nevada Trust, and 12,761 Common Shares held by Mrs. Frost (as defined herein).

² The calculation of the percentage is based on (i) 99,711,494 shares as reported in the Issuer's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014 and (ii) 2,121,479 Common Shares to be issued upon the conversion of the 6.75% Notes held by Nevada Trust.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1Frost Gamma Investments Trust

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

2(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4WC

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6Florida

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF **7** 0

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY **8** 12,776,245

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON **9** 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 12,776,245

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 12,776,245

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12 o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 12.8%³

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14 OO

³ The calculation of the percentage is based on 99,711,494 shares as reported in the Issuer's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1Frost Nevada Investments Trust

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

2(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6Florida

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF **7** 0

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY **8** 4,242,958 ⁴

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON **9** 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

104,242,958 ⁴

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

114,242,958 ⁴

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

134.2%⁵

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

1400

⁴ Includes 2,121,479 Common Shares issuable upon conversion of the 6.75% Notes.

⁵ The calculation of the percentage is based on 99,711,494 shares as reported in the Issuer's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014, and (ii) 2,121,479 Common Shares to be issued upon the conversion of the 6.75% Notes held by Nevada Trust.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Patricia Frost

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

2(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4 00

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 ☐

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF **7** 0

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY **8** 12,761 ⁶

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON **9** 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 12,761 ⁶

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 12,761⁶

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12 o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 0.01%⁷

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14 IN

⁶ These shares are owned by Mrs. Frost, the spouse of Frost (as defined herein). Frost disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

⁷ The calculation of the percentage is based on 99,711,494 shares as reported in the Issuer's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014.

SCHEDULE 13D/A

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO SCHEDULE 13D

This Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D (this “Fourth Amendment”) amends and supplements certain Items of the Schedule 13D filed by Phillip Frost, M.D., an individual (“Frost”), and Frost Gamma Investments Trust, a trust organized under the laws of Florida (the “Gamma Trust”), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on July 20, 2006, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed by Frost, the Gamma Trust, Frost Nevada Investments Trust, a trust organized under the laws of Florida (the “Nevada Trust”), and Patricia Frost (“Mrs. Frost”) with the SEC on March 24, 2009 and as further amended by Amendment No. 2 thereto filed by Frost, the Gamma Trust, the Nevada Trust and Mrs. Frost with the SEC on May 15, 2009, as further amended by Amendment No. 3 thereto filed by Frost, the Gamma Trust, the Nevada Trust and Mrs. Frost with the SEC on November 25, 2011 (together, the “Original 13D”) with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the “Common Shares”), of Vector Group Ltd., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”), by furnishing the information set forth below. Except as set forth below, all previous Items are unchanged. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Original 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

On March 14, 2014, Nevada Trust converted \$25,000,000 of the Issuer’s 6.75% Notes due 2014 held by it into 2,121,479 common shares of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a)-(b) Items 5(a) and 5(b) are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

The Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own Common Shares as follows:

Name	Number of Common Shares		Sole or Shared Voting	Sole or Shared Dispositive	% of Total Outstanding	
Phillip Frost, M.D.	17,031,964	8 9	Shared ^{10 12 14}	Shared ^{10 12 14}	16.7	% ¹¹
Frost Gamma Investments Trust	12,776,245		Shared ¹²	Shared ¹²	12.8	% ¹³
Frost Nevada Investments Trust	4,242,958	9	Shared ¹⁴	Shared ¹⁴	4.2	% ¹¹
Patricia Frost	12,761		Shared ¹⁰	Shared ¹⁰	0.01	% ¹³

(c) The only transactions effectuated within the past 60 days in the Shares are set forth in Item 4 hereof.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On March 14, 2014, Nevada Trust converted \$25,000,000 of the Issuer's 6.75% Notes due 2014 into 2,121,479 common shares of the Issuer.

⁸ Includes 12,776,245 Common Shares held by the Gamma Trust and 12,761 Common Shares held by Mrs. Frost.

⁹ Includes 2,121,479 Common Shares held by the Nevada Trust and 2,121,479 Common Shares issuable upon conversion of 6.75% Notes held by the Nevada Trust.

¹⁰ Includes Common Shares held of record by Mrs. Frost. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

¹¹ The calculation of the percentage is based on (i) 99,711,494 shares as reported in the Issuer's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014, and (ii) 2,121,479 Common Shares to be issued upon the conversion of the 6.75% Notes held by Nevada Trust.

¹² Frost is the sole trustee of the Gamma Trust and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities held by the Gamma Trust with the Gamma Trust. Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of the Gamma Trust. Frost is one of two limited partners of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership. The general partner of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is Frost Gamma, Inc. and the sole shareholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. Frost is also the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation.

¹³ The calculation of the percentage is based on 99,711,494 shares as reported in the Issuer's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2014.

¹⁴ Frost is the sole trustee of the Nevada Trust and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities held by the Nevada Trust with the Nevada Trust. Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of the Nevada Trust. Frost is one of five limited partners of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole general partner of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 3, 2014

/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.
Phillip Frost, M.D.

FROST GAMMA
INVESTMENTS TRUST

By: /s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.
Name: Phillip Frost, M.D.
Title: Trustee

FROST NEVADA
INVESTMENTS TRUST

By: /s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.
Name: Phillip Frost, M.D.
Title: Trustee

/s/ Patricia Frost
Patricia Frost