GELLERT JAY M

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

Common

Stock

03/15/2005

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GELLERT JAY M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 21650 OXN FLOOR	(First) (NARD ST., 22NE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2005				X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street) WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative Sec	curities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on(A) or Dispo (Instr. 3, 4 and	sed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Code V

Α

(A)

or

(D)

Price \$

26.65

Amount

56.285

(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

14,993.929

(2)

D

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GELLERT JAY M 21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367	X					

Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

03/17/2005

**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).
 - Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of
- (1) Director committee meeting fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 30,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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