ROSENBERG SHELI Z

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROSENBERG SHELI Z

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600

(Zip)

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

below)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie oner Disposee (Instr. 3, 4 a	d of (È))	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)
Common Stock	01/01/2006		A	1,750 (1)	A	\$0	40,430.042	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A	114.399 (2)	A	\$ 32.78	40,544.441	D	

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.02	01/01/2006		A	5,000 (3)	01/01/2006(4)	01/01/2016	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROSENBERG SHELI Z TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X					

Signatures

Sheli Z. Rosenberg, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
01/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the 2004 Stock Plan for directors. These shares vest in annual installments of 1/2 on first anniversary of grant and 1/2 on second anniversary of grant (January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, respectively).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of

 (2) Director quarterly retainer 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.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors.
- (4) Options are exercisable in cumulative 50% annual installments beginning on January 1, 2006.

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