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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CROCKER DOUGLAS II Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA 04/26/2006 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60606 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.	4. Securition(A) or Dis		1	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Tear)	any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4)		` ′	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	, ,,
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/26/2006		A	31.037 (1)	A	\$ 32.22	50,532.322 (2) (3)	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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CROCKER DOUGLAS II TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA CHICAGO, IL 60606	X					

Signatures

Douglas Crocker, II, By: T. Richard Riney, 04/28/2006 Attorney-In-Fact

> **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 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) As of April 26, 2006, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 50,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.
- (3) Includes 277.955 shares acquired on April 4, 2006 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.

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