VENTAS INC Form 4 October 12, 2006

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

10/11/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * THEOBALD THOMAS C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			VENTA	AS INC [V	/TR]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of	f Earliest Tr	ansaction				
			(Month/D	ay/Year)		X Director	10%	Owner	
227 WEST MONROE, STE. 3500			10/11/2	006		Officer (give title Other (specibelow) 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			
CHICAGO), IL 60606					Form filed by I Person	More than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	e 2A. Deer	ned	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature o	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution	n Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial	
		(Month/I	Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership	
						Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)	Reported	(Instr. 4)		

Code V

A

(A)

or

(D)

Price

37.89

Amount

39.588

(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)

14,215.463

 $2,000 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \stackrel{(3)}{=}$

D

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

of

By Trust

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed						Repo Trans
					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
THEOBALD THOMAS C 227 WEST MONROE, STE. 3500 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X					

Signatures

Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
10/12/2006

**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 (the "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) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 2,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (3) As of October 11, 2006, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 25,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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