

RECCHIA ROBERT L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RECCHIA ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC [VCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LIVONIA, MI 48152

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/29/2004		M		9,523 A \$ 34.6667	9,391 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/29/2004		S		9,523 D \$ 35.273	9,391 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/30/2004		M		8,495 A \$ 34.6667	9,391 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/30/2004		S		8,495 D \$ 35.2848	9,391 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/31/2004		M		8,352 A \$ 34.6667	9,391 (1)	D

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Common Stock 12/31/2004 S 8,352 D \$ 35.2066 9,391 ⁽¹⁾ 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.6667	12/29/2004		M	9,523	01/12/2003 01/12/2005	Common Stock	9,523
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.6667	12/30/2004		M	8,495	01/12/2003 01/12/2005	Common Stock	8,495
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.6667	12/31/2004		M	8,352	01/12/2003 01/12/2005	Common Stock	8,352

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RECCHIA ROBERT L VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY	X		EVP and CFO	

LIVONIA, MI 48152

Signatures

Steven M. Mitzel by Power of
Attorney

01/03/2005

__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).
- (1) Represents number of securities beneficially owned as of January 3, 2005.
- (2) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of December 30, 2004.
- (3) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of December 31, 2004.
- (4) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of January 3, 2005.

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