

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/01/2009**

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

**LIVONIA, MI 48152**

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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/01/2009		A	4,500 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 33,404 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock					21,139 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Valassis Employees' Retirement Savings Plan

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 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)
Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 1.32	01/01/2009		A	175,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/01/2016	Common Stock 175,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RECCHIA ROBERT L VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152	X		EVP and CFO	

## Signatures

Robert L. Recchia 01/05/2009

     \*\*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) Awards granted pursuant to the Valassis Communication's, Inc., Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) Represents number of securities beneficially owned as of January 2, 2009.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per common share is equal to or exceeds \$4.32, \$7.32 and \$10.32, respectively. In any event, however, the option vests by January 1, 2014.

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