

VENTAS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**CROCKER DOUGLAS II**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE,  
SUITE 3400

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VENTAS INC [VTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/10/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/10/2008		M	A	\$ 10.8125	68,111.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		M	A	\$ 12.1875	71,111.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		M	A	\$ 4	74,111.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		M	A	\$ 3.3125	78,111.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		M	A	\$ 5.875	83,111.734	D

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Common Stock	01/10/2008	M	5,000	A	\$ 11.86	88,111.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	M	5,000	A	\$ 11.45	93,111.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.58	93,011.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.59	92,911.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.6	92,811.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	400	D	\$ 41.61	92,411.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.62	92,311.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.64	92,211.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 41.65	92,011.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.66	91,911.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	900	D	\$ 41.67	91,011.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 41.69	90,711.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 41.7	90,411.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	400	D	\$ 41.71	90,011.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.72	89,911.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 41.73	89,611.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 41.74	89,411.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.75	89,311.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	400	D	\$ 41.76	88,911.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 41.77	88,711.734	D
	01/10/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 41.78	88,611.734	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 41.79	88,511.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 41.8	88,411.734	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,200	D	\$ 41.81	86,211.734	D
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	01/10/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 41.82	86,111.734	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 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)	\$ 10.8125	01/10/2008		M	10,000	09/11/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/11/2008	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1875	01/10/2008		M	3,000	01/01/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/01/2009	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4	01/10/2008		M	3,000	01/01/2001 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/01/2010	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.3125	01/10/2008		M	4,000	02/24/2000 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/24/2010	Common Stock	4,000

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.875	01/10/2008	M	5,000	01/01/2001 <sup>(7)</sup>	01/01/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.86	01/10/2008	M	5,000	01/02/2002 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.45	01/10/2008	M	5,000	01/01/2003 <sup>(9)</sup>	01/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROCKER DOUGLAS II 71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X			

## Signatures

Douglas Crocker II, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact

01/14/2008

\_\_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) On January 10, 2008, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
  - (2) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction.
  - (3) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 10,000 on September 11, 1998 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in four equal annual installments beginning on September 11, 1999.
  - (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 3,000 on January 1, 1999 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in four equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2000.
  - (5) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 3,000 on January 1, 2000 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in four equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2001.
  - (6) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 4,000 on February 24, 2000 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2000.
  - (7) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 1, 2001 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2001.
  - (8) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 2, 2002 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2002.
  - (9)

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These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 1, 2003 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2003.

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