

SCHULTZ ALAN F
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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 *
 SCHULTZ ALAN F

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)

LIVONIA, MI 48152

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/19/2009

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

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2009 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 A \$ 1.32 | 261,678 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2009 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 D \$ 16.4878 | 211,678 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,028 | I | By Valassis Employees' Retirement Savings Plan |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.32 | 11/19/2009 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 | ⁽³⁾ 01/01/2016 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHULTZ ALAN F VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Linda J. Schalek, by Power of Attorney
11/20/2009
**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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.28 to \$17.24, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range of all transactions reported in this Form 4 utilizing a weighted average price.
- (2)

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The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 550,000 shares, vested in three equal installments on May 29, 2009, July 31, 2009 (3) and September 15, 2009. However, pursuant to the terms of Mr. Schultz's employment agreement under which the option was granted on January 1, 2009, the earliest the option could have been exercised was July 1, 2009.

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