

VECTOR GROUP LTD
Form SC 13D/A
March 24, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D/A

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a)
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 1)*

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

92240M-10-8

(CUSIP Number)

Steven D. Rubin

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Miami, Florida 33137

(305) 575-6015

**(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)**

March 9, 2009

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

PhillipFrost, M.D.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

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CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

5,419,182 (1)(2)

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH REPORTING 9

PERSON 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

5,419,182 (1)(2)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

5,419,182 (1)(2)

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

8.1%(3)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

IN

(1) Includes
4,719,647
Common Shares
of the Issuer
held by the
Gamma Trust
(as defined
herein) and
10,000
Common Shares
of the Issuer
held by
Mrs. Frost (as
defined herein).

(2) Includes
689,535
Common Shares
issuable upon
conversion of
the Notes (as
defined herein)

held by the Nevada Trust (as defined herein).

- (3) The calculation of the percentage is based on (i) 66,014,070 Common Shares outstanding as of February 27, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2009 and (ii) 689,535 Common Shares to be issued upon the conversion of the Notes.
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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Frost Gamma Investments Trust

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Florida

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

4,719,647

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH REPORTING 9

PERSON 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,719,647

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

4,719,647

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

7.1%(1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

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(1) The calculation of the percentage is based on 66,014,070 Common Shares outstanding as of February 27, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2009.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Frost Nevada Investments Trust

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Florida

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

689,535(1)

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH REPORTING 9

PERSON 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

689,535(1)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

689,535(1)

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

1.0%(2)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

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(1) Includes 689,535 Common Shares issuable upon conversion of the Notes held by the Nevada Trust.

(2) The calculation of the percentage is based on (i) 66,014,070 Common Shares outstanding as of February 27, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and

Exchange
Commission on
March 2, 2009
and (ii)
689,535 Common
Shares to be
issued upon the
conversion of the
Notes.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Patricia Frost

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

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CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

10,000(1)

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH REPORTING 9

PERSON 0

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

10,000(1)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

10,000

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

.01%(2)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

IN

(1) These shares are owned by Patricia Frost. Dr. Frost disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

(2) The calculation of the percentage is based on (i) 66,014,070 Common Shares outstanding as of February 27, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the

year ended
December 31,
2008 filed with
the Securities
and Exchange
Commission on
March 2, 2009

SCHEDULED/A
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SCHEDULE 13D

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment) amends certain Items of the Schedule 13D (the Original 13D) filed by Phillip Frost, M.D., an individual (Frost), and Frost Gamma Investments Trust, a trust organized under the laws of Florida (the Gamma Trust), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on July 20, 2006, with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the Common Shares), of Vector Group Ltd., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer), by furnishing the information set forth below. Except as set forth below, all previous Items are unchanged. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Original 13D.

ITEM 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended by the following: Dr. Frost's principal occupation is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Opko Health, Inc., a Delaware corporation, focused on the commercialization and development of proprietary pharmaceuticals, therapeutic devices, drug delivery technology, diagnostic systems and instruments for the treatment and prevention of ophthalmic disease. Dr. Frost's principal business address is 4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137.

Item 2 is hereby amended to add the following reporting persons: Frost Nevada Investments Trust, a trust organized under the laws of Florida (the Nevada Trust), and Patricia Frost, a citizen of the United States and the spouse of Phillip Frost (Mrs. Frost), (the Nevada Trust together with the Gamma Trust, the Trusts ; and the Trusts, together with Mrs. Frost and Frost, each a Reporting Person and together the Reporting Persons).

The principal business address for the Nevada Trust is 4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137. Phillip Frost, M.D. (Frost), is the sole trustee of the Nevada Trust and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities held by the Nevada Trust with the Nevada Trust. Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of the Nevada Trust. Frost is one of five limited partners of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole general partner of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership. The Nevada Trust is primarily engaged in the business of holding and investing in securities.

Mrs. Frost is retired. Mrs. Frost's business address is 4400 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33137

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended to add the following:

The source of funds for the acquisition of the \$11,005,000 of principal amount of the 5% Variable Interest Senior Convertible Notes due 2011 (the Notes), convertible into an aggregate of 689,535 Common Shares, as described in the first paragraph of Item 4 below was from the working capital of the Nevada Trust.

The source of funds for the acquisition of the 10,000 Common Shares was from personal funds of Mrs. Frost.

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Nevada Trust acquired an aggregate of \$11,005,000 of principal amount of the Notes for investment purposes in the open market transactions listed in the table below. The following transactions in the Notes were affected by the Nevada Trust during the sixty days preceding the filing of this statement.

Date	Principal Amount of Notes	
	Purchased	Price
March 9, 2009	4,200,000	\$1.07
March 10, 2009	1,505,000	\$1.07
March 11, 2009	5,300,000	\$1.07

Mrs. Frost acquired 10,000 shares of Common Stock on the open market on January 28, 2009 for a price of \$141,642.

ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) and (b) Items 5(a) and 5(b) are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

Assuming conversion of the Notes into 689,535 Common Shares, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own Common Shares as follows:

Name	Number of Common Shares	Sole or Shared Voting	Sole or Shared Dispositive	% of Total Outstanding
Philip Frost, M.D.	5,419,182 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Shared ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Shared ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	8.1% ⁽⁶⁾
Frost Gamma Investments Trust	4,719,647 ⁽⁴⁾	Shared ⁽⁴⁾	Shared ⁽⁴⁾	7.1% ⁽¹⁾
Frost Nevada Investments Trust	689,535 ⁽⁵⁾	Shared ⁽⁵⁾	Shared ⁽⁵⁾	1.0% ⁽⁶⁾
Patricia Frost	10,000 ⁽⁷⁾	Shared	Shared	.01% ⁽⁶⁾

(1) The calculation of the percentage is based on 66,014,070 Common Shares outstanding as of February 27, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2009.

(2) Includes 4,719,647 Common Shares held by the

Gamma Trust,
and 10,000
shares held by
Mrs. Frost.

- (3) Includes
689,535
Common Shares
issuable upon
conversion of
the Notes held
by the Nevada
Trust.

- (4) Frost is the sole
trustee of the
Gamma Trust
and may be
deemed to share
beneficial
ownership of
the securities
held by the
Gamma Trust
with the Gamma
Trust. Frost
Gamma Limited
Partnership is
the sole and
exclusive
beneficiary of
the Gamma
Trust. Frost is
one of two
limited partners
of Frost Gamma
Limited
Partnership. The
general partner
of Frost Gamma
Limited
Partnership is
Frost Gamma,
Inc. and the sole
shareholder of
Frost Gamma,
Inc. is
Frost-Nevada
Corporation.
Dr. Frost is also
the sole

shareholder of
Frost-Nevada
Corporation.

- (5) Frost is the sole trustee of the Nevada Trust and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities held by the Nevada Trust with the Nevada Trust. Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of the Nevada Trust. Frost is one of five limited partners of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole general partner of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership.
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- (6) The calculation of the percentage is based on (i) 66,014,070 Common Shares outstanding as of February 27, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2009 and (ii) 689,535 Common Shares to be issued upon the conversion of the Notes.
- (7) These shares are owned of record by Patricia Frost. Dr. Frost disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (c) Item 5(c) is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
- The information contained in Item 4 of this Amendment is incorporated herein by

reference.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of March 19 , 2009

/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.
Phillip Frost, M.D.

FROST GAMMA INVESTMENTS TRUST

By: /s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.
Name: Phillip Frost, M.D.
Title: Trustee

FROST NEVADA INVESTMENTS TRUST

By: /s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.
Name: Phillip Frost, M.D.
Title: Trustee

By: /s/ Patricia Frost
Patricia Frost