

VI GROUP PLC
Form SC 13D
April 08, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

VI GROUP PLC

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary shares of 0.5 pence

(Title of Class of Securities)

925 54H 109

(CUSIP Number)

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December 31, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 925 54H 109

1. Names of Reporting Persons.
Ezio Galardo
I.R.S. Identification No.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a.) ☐ (b.) ☐

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. Source of Funds*

PF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to items 2(d) or 2(e) ☐

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Italian

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each Reporting
Person With
Sole Voting Power
3,220,537

8. Shared Voting Power
1,653,353

9. Sole Dispositive Power
3,220,537

10. Shared Dispositive Power
1,653,353

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
4,873,890

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount Represented by Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions) ()

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13%

14. Type of Reporting Person

IN

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

Ordinary Shares 0.5 pence

VI GROUP plc
The Mill, Brimscombe Port, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 2QG, U.K.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

- (a) Name: Ezio Galardo
- (b) Residence or business address: Via Ponte Chiusella angolo Via Gurgo
10090 Romano Canavese (TO)
Italy
- (c) Present Principal Occupation or Employment: Technical Consultant
- (d) Criminal Conviction: No
- (e) Court or Administrative Proceedings: No
- (f) Citizenship: See cover page

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration:

The issuer's predecessor Vero International Software S.r.l was formed in Italy in 1988 by Mr. Galardo, Donald Babbs and other investors.

The issuer was incorporated in England on November 5, 1997 as Deepcredit Limited with 2 ordinary shares of £1 each being issued at par for cash to a nominee. It changed its name to VI Group Limited on February 25, 1998.

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On December 19, 1997, the issuer acquired Quota Interests of \$210,000 nominal value in Vero International Software S.r.l., representing 78.936 per cent of the Quota Interests of that company.

On February 12, 1998 the issuer acquired the remaining Quota Interests in Vero International Software S.r.l. which company then became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the issuer.

On March 12, 1998, the issuer issued 14,299,600 shares of 0.5p each at par for \$116,000 in cash.

Mr. Galardo and his wife Caterina Alberico acquired 3,672,043 shares and 538,185 shares of the issuer respectively between March 12 and 16, 1998 for total cash consideration of \$30,477 and \$4,467 respectively. Mr. Galardo subsequently resold 510,006 shares and Ms. Alberico sold 74,748 shares on April 3, 1998 for \$423,305 in the aggregate as part of the initial public offering of the issuer's shares on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange.

Mr. Galardo's adult daughter Sabrina Galardo acquired 1,381,838 shares of the issuer between March 12 and March 16, 1998 for total cash consideration of \$11,469. Ms. Galardo subsequently resold 191,922 shares on April 3, 1998 for \$159,295 as part of the initial public offering of the issuer's shares on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange.

On December 23, 1998, Mr. Galardo acquired an additional 58,500 shares of the issuer for \$16,623 in cash.

On October 28, 2002, the issuer's American Depositary Receipts became listed for trading on the American Stock Exchange.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

State the purpose or purposes of the acquisition of securities of the issuer. Describe any plans or proposals which the reporting persons may have which relate to or would result in:

Mr. Galardo acquired all of the shares reported herein in connection with the original organization of the issuer's predecessor Vero International s.r.l. and the subsequent reorganization of that entity into the issuer as described in Item 3. On January 10, 2003, the issuer entered into a letter of intent with Hemisphere Capital relating to the possible purchase by Hemisphere Capital from issuer of between \$2 and \$4 million of preferred shares, subject to various contingencies. This transaction was reported by issuer in a report on Form 6K filed by issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 14, 2003.

Mr. Galardo has no present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in:

(a) The acquisition by any person of additional securities of the issuer, or the disposition of securities of the issuer;

(b)

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An extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the issuer or any of its subsidiaries;

- (c) A sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (d) Any change in the present board of directors or management of the issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board;
- (e) Any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the issuer;
- (f) Any other material change in the issuer's business or corporate structure including but not limited to, if the issuer is a registered closed-end investment company, any plans or proposals to make any changes in its investment policy for which a vote is required by section 13 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (g) Changes in the issuer's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the issuer by any person;
- (h) Causing a class of securities of the issuer to be delisted from a national securities exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association;
- (i) A class of equity securities of the issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Act; or
- (j) Any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

- (a) As of the date hereof, Mr. Galardo reports beneficial ownership of 4,873,890 Ordinary Shares of VI Group plc which shares include 3,220,537 shares owned directly and 463,437 shares owned by Mr. Galardo's wife, Caterina Alberico, and 1,189,916 shares owned by Mr. Galardo's adult daughter Sabrina Galardo who does not share the same household and as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (b) Mr. Galardo has sole authority to vote or dispose of shares listed in (a) as to which he is identified as the owner and for the purposes of this report may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive authority with respect to shares as to which his spouse or daughter are identified as the owner.
- (c) None
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

None.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

None.

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.

Date: February 14, 2003

By: /s/ Ezio Galardo

Ezio Galardo

