HOFFMAN BARRY P

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOFFMAN BARRY P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC [VCI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) VALASSIS CO INC., 19975 VIO		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2004	_X_ Director 10% Owner Selfow) Other (give title below) EVP & General Counsel		
(Street) LIVONIA, MI 48152		(7in)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/29/2004		M	19,048	A	\$ 34.6667	31,424 (1)	D			
Common Stock	12/29/2004		S	19,048	D	\$ 35.273	31,424 (1)	D			
Common Stock	12/30/2004		M	16,991	A	\$ 34.6667	31,424 (1)	D			
Common Stock	12/30/2004		S	16,991	D	\$ 35.2848	31,424 (1)	D			
Common Stock							3,283 (1)	I	Valasiss Employee		

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							Retirement Savings Plan
Common Stock	12/31/2004	M	16,705 A	\$ 34.6667	31,424 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2004	S	16,705 D	\$ 35.2066	31,424 (1)	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tionD S) A o (1	5. Number of orDerivative 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	V (.	A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.6667	12/29/2004		M			19,048	01/12/2003	01/12/2005	Common Stock	19,048
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.6667	12/30/2004		M			16,991	01/12/2003	01/12/2005	Common Stock	16,991
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 34.6667	12/31/2004		M			16,705	01/12/2003	01/12/2005	Common Stock	16,705

Reporting Owners

Buy)

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOFFMAN BARRY P VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152

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EVP & General Counsel

Signatures

Steven M. Mitzel by Power of Attorney

01/03/2005

**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) Represents number of securities beneficially owned as of January 3, 2005.
- (2) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of December 30, 2004.
- (3) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of December 31, 2004.
- (4) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of January 3, 2005.

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