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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC [VCI] A Brown Suzanne C (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O VALASSIS. 19975 (Check all applicable) VICTOR PARKWAY (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP, Sales & Marketing Person LIVONIA, MIÂ 48152 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 26,748 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/30/2005	12/03/2012	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 29.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/30/2005	12/03/2012	Common Stock	11,010	\$ 29.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2008	12/02/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 28.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/30/2005	12/07/2014	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 34.54	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2012	01/01/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 14.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/01/2012(1)	08/01/2017	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 10.96	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/03/2010(2)	01/01/2017	Common Stock	65,000	\$ 18.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/14/2017	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 34.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	12/05/2018	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 21.9	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Brown Suzanne C					
C/O VALASSIS	Â	â	EVP, Sales & Marketing	â	
19975 VICTOR PARKWAY	A	A	A EVF, Sales & Marketing	A	
LIVONIA. MI 48152					

Signatures

Linda J. Schalek, by Power of Attorney 01/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 option vests 20% on the anniversary date each calendar year beginning 8/1/2008 through 8/1/2012.
- This option became exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per common share was equal to or exceeded \$23.26, \$28.26 and \$33.26, respectively; provided that such market price targets were achieved by January 1, 2015. In any event, the price targets listed were achieved by May 3, 2010.

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This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per common share is equal to or exceeds \$39.81, \$44.81 and \$49.81, respectively; provided that such market price targets are achieved by December 14, 2013. In any event, however, the option vests by December 14, 2015.

This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per common share is equal to or exceeds \$26.90, \$31.90 and \$36.90, respectively; provided that such market price targets are achieved by December 5, 2014. In any event however, the option vests by December 5, 2016.

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