

VECTOR GROUP LTD
Form 8-K
October 31, 2018

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 30, 2018

VECTOR GROUP LTD.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5759
(Commission File Number)
4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

65-0949535
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
33137
(Zip Code)

(305) 579-8000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 240.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Notes Offering

On October 30, 2018, Vector Group Ltd. (NYSE:VGR) (the Company) announced that it has priced, and entered into an agreement to issue and sell, \$325 million aggregate principal amount of 10.500% senior notes due 2026 (the Notes). The Notes will be issued by the Company at the initial price of 100.000% of the principal amount of the Notes. The Notes will bear interest at a rate of 10.500% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on May 1, 2019. The Notes will mature on November 1, 2026, unless earlier repurchased or redeemed in accordance with their terms. The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several basis by all of the wholly owned domestic subsidiaries of the Company that are engaged in the conduct of the Company's cigarette businesses, and by DER Holdings LLC, its wholly owned subsidiary through which the Company indirectly owns a 70.59% interest in Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC, which operates the largest residential brokerage company in the New York metropolitan area and also conducts residential real estate brokerage operations in South Florida, Southern California, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Aspen. The Notes will not be guaranteed by New Valley LLC, or any subsidiaries of the Company engaged in real businesses conducted through New Valley LLC, other than DER Holdings LLC. The Notes will not be secured by any of the assets of the Company or the guarantors. The offering is expected to close on November 2, 2017, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

The Company intends to use the net cash proceeds from the offering to redeem, repurchase, repay or otherwise retire, the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Company's outstanding 7.5% Variable Interest Senior Convertible Notes due 2019, to pay costs and expenses in connection with the offering of the Notes and the transactions contemplated thereby, and for general corporate purposes (including to redeem, repurchase, repay or otherwise retire our outstanding 5.5% Variable Interest Senior Convertible Notes due 2020 at or prior to, their maturity).

The Notes are being offered only to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and to persons outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent an effective registration statement or an applicable exemption from registration requirements or in a transaction that is not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act or any state securities laws. There will be no registration rights associated with the Notes.

This report does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to purchase the Notes or any security, and there will not be any offer, solicitation or sale of the Notes or any other security in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

A copy of the press release related to the pricing of the Notes offering is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished under Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings, except to the extent expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

In this report, all statements that are not purely historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the words believe, expect, anticipate, project, plan, estimate, intend, could, and similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements are based on currently available business, economic, financial and other information and reflect management's current beliefs, expectations and views with respect to future developments and their potential effects on the Company. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties that may affect the Company and its business. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties,

please refer to the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement made in this report to reflect subsequent events or circumstances or actual outcomes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is included with this report and is being furnished solely for purposes of Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K:

99.1 Press release issued by Vector Group Ltd. on October 30, 2018, announcing the pricing of the Notes offering.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

Date: October 31, 2018

By: /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III
J. Bryant Kirkland III
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial
Officer