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## VECTOR GROUP REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2005 FINANCIAL RESULTS

**MIAMI, FL, MAY 10, 2005** -- Vector Group Ltd. (NYSE: VGR) today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005.

First quarter 2005 revenues were \$104.2 million, compared to revenues of \$126.6 million for the first quarter of 2004. The Company recorded operating income of \$18.6 million for the 2005 first quarter, compared to operating income of \$12.8 million for the first quarter of 2004. Income from continuing operations for the 2005 first quarter was \$8.3 million, or \$.19 per diluted common share, compared to income from continuing operations of \$4.5 million, or \$0.10 per diluted common share, for the 2004 first quarter. Net income for the 2005 first quarter was \$11.3 million, or \$.26 per diluted share, compared to \$4.6 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, for the 2004 first quarter.

For the three months ended March 31, 2005, the Company's conventional cigarette business, which includes Liggett Group cigarettes and USA brand cigarettes, had revenues of \$101.6 million, compared to \$122.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Operating income was \$31.9 million for the first quarter of 2005, compared to \$27.8 million for the first quarter of 2004. The 2004 results for the conventional cigarette business included a pre-tax restructuring charge of \$0.4 million.

### Conference Call To Discuss First Quarter 2005 Results

As previously announced, the Company will host a conference call and webcast on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 11:00 A.M. (EDT) to discuss first quarter 2005 results. Investors can access the call by dialing 877-692-2590 or via live webcast at [www.vcall.com](http://www.vcall.com).

A replay of the call will also be available shortly after the call ends on May 11, 2005 through May 25, 2005. To access the replay, dial 877-519-4471 and enter 6040114 as the conference ID number. The archived webcast will also be available at [www.vcall.com](http://www.vcall.com) for 30 days.

Vector Group is a holding company that indirectly owns Liggett Group Inc., Vector Tobacco Inc. and a controlling interest in New Valley Corporation. Additional information concerning the company is available on the company's website, [www.VectorGroupLtd.com](http://www.VectorGroupLtd.com).

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