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## **VECTOR GROUP LTD. COMPLETES SALE OF SENIOR CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES**

**MIAMI, FL, July 12, 2006** -- Vector Group Ltd. (NYSE: VGR) announced today that it has completed the sale of \$110 million of its 3 7/8 % Variable Interest Senior Convertible Debentures due 2026 (the "Debentures") through a private offering pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the issuance to redeem the remaining \$62.5 million principal amount of its 6.25% Convertible Subordinated Notes due July 15, 2008 and for general corporate purposes.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the Debentures. The Debentures and the common stock issuable upon conversion thereof have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities laws. Unless so registered, the Debentures and the common stock issuable upon conversion of the Debentures may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and applicable state securities laws.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company has tried, whenever possible, to identify these forward-looking statements using words such as "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "expects", "plans", "intends" and similar expressions. These statements reflect the Company's current beliefs and are based upon information currently available to it. Accordingly, such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such statements.

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

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