

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 HERPICH RICHARD 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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/01/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP/ U.S. Sales

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LIVONIA, MI 48152

(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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)						
						Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.26	04/01/2005	A	56,143	(1)				04/01/2012		Common Stock	56,143

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERPICH RICHARD P VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152				EVP/ U.S. Sales

Signatures

Steven M. Mitzel, by Power of Attorney	04/04/2005
**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).

 This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per
 (1) common share is equal to or exceeds \$40.26, \$45.26 and \$50.26, respectively; provided that such market price targets are achieved by
 April 1, 2008. In any event, however, the option vests by April 1, 2010.

 (2) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of April 1, 2005.

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