

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HOFFMAN BARRY 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)  
**VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/27/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**EVP and General Counsel**

**LIVONIA, MI 48152**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Following 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		
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	500	D \$ 39.242	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	2,500	D \$ 39.2496	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	2,500	D \$ 39.0244	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	2,500	D \$ 39.114	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005		S	2,000	D \$ 39.22	25,978	D

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Common Stock	07/27/2005	M	30,000	A	\$ 20.2917	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	30,000	D	\$ 39.1793	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005	M	37,500	A	\$ 25.71	25,978	D
Common Stock	07/27/2005	S	37,500	D	\$ 39.1793	25,978	D

Common Stock

3,283

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Valassis Employees Retirement Savings Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.2917	07/27/2005		M	30,000	12/31/2002	12/02/2007	Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.71	07/27/2005		M	37,500	11/10/2004	04/01/2010	Common Stock	37,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOFFMAN BARRY P VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152	X		EVP and General Counsel	

## Signatures

Steven M. Mitzel by Power of Attorney	07/28/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

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