

RINEY T RICHARD
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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 *
RINEY T RICHARD

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300
(Street)

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	V	700	D	\$ 47.0632 291,981
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		2,500	D	\$ 47.074 289,481
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		100	D	\$ 47.09 289,381
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		3,400	D	\$ 47.103 285,981
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		900	D	\$ 47.1101 285,081

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Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	2,700	D	\$ 47.12	282,381	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	1,300	D	\$ 47.1205	281,081	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	200	D	\$ 47.13	280,881	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	2,400	D	\$ 47.15	278,481	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	3,600	D	\$ 47.163	274,881	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	200	D	\$ 47.18	274,681	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.1832	274,581	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	200	D	\$ 47.19	274,381	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	700	D	\$ 47.1901	273,681	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.1917	273,581	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	300	D	\$ 47.2	273,281	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	200	D	\$ 47.2101	273,081	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	1,148	D	\$ 47.22	271,933	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.2201	271,833	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.2202	271,733	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.2203	271,633	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	4,300	D	\$ 47.225	267,333	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.226	267,233	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	1,052	D	\$ 47.227	266,181	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.23	266,081	D
	03/16/2010	<u>S(2)(3)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.239	265,981	D

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	800	D	\$ 47.24	265,181	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	900	D	\$ 47.25	264,281	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	200	D	\$ 47.26	264,081	D
Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾	03/16/2010		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	100	D	\$ 47.27	263,981	D

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

Signatures

T. Richard 03/18/2010
Riney

__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).
- (1) Please see the Reporting Person's previous Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (3).
- (2) On March 16, 2010, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated December 10, 2009.
- (4) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filings dated the date hereof which contain additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (3).

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