CROCKER DOUGLAS II

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROCKER DOUGLAS II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	VENTAS INC [VTR] ast) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					
(Last)	(1131)	(Wildle)	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA			01/03/2005	Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CHICAGO, IL 60606				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

	, ,	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiom Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Common Stock	01/03/2005 01/03/2005		Code V A	Amount 507.567 (1) 1,750 (2)	(D) A	Price \$ 27.09	(Instr. 3 and 4) 41,437.055 43,187.055	D D	

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Definition Date Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.09	01/03/2005		A	5,000 (3)	01/03/2005(4)	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

CROCKER DOUGLAS II TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA X CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

Douglas Crocker, II By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

01/05/2005

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of

 (1) Director committee meeting fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject
- (1) Director committee meeting fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors. These shares vest in annual installments of 1/2 on first anniversary of grant and 1/2 on second anniversary of grant (January 3, 2006 and January 3, 2007, respectively).
- (3) Options granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors.
- (4) The Options are exercisable in cumulative 50% annual installments beginning on January 3, 2005.

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