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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROCKER DOUGLAS II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
963 EVERGREEN DRIVE			03/30/2016	Officer (give title Delow) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
DELRAY, FL 33483				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zin)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of, o	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)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	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)
Common Stock	03/30/2016		M	5,940	A	\$ 35.62	110,104.486	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2016		S(1)(2)	5,940	D	\$ 62.9082	104,164.486	D	
Common Stock							10,000 (3)	I	By Trust

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.62	03/30/2016		M	5,940	01/01/2007(4)	01/01/2017	Common Stock	5,940

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CROCKER DOUGLAS II 963 EVERGREEN DRIVE DELRAY, FL 33483	X						

Signatures

Douglas Crocker, II, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
03/31/2016

**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) On March 30, 2016, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Reporting Person in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$62.87 to \$63.01, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2).
- (3) Reflects shares acquired by the Douglas Crocker II Trust on December 10, 2013, which Reporting Person is the Trustee and which shares were previously reported as being owned directly by Reporting Person.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant by the Issuer to the Reporting Person which vested in two equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2007.

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