

HOFFMAN BARRY P  
Form 4  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/29/2004

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

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/27/2004		M	381 A \$ 34.6667	31,424 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2004		S	381 D \$ 35.2	31,424 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2004		M	18,667 A \$ 34.6667	31,424 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S	18,667 D \$ 35.2105	31,424 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					3,283 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Valassis Employee

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)	\$ 34.6667	12/27/2004		M	381	01/12/2003	01/12/2005	Common Stock	381
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.6667	12/28/2004		M	18,667	01/12/2003	01/12/2005	Common Stock	18,667

## 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 & General Counsel	

## Signatures

Steven M. Mitzel by Power of Attorney  
12/29/2004

\_\_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) Represents number of securities beneficially owned as of December 29, 2004.
- (2) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of December 28, 2004.
- (3) Represents number of derivative securities beneficially owned as of December 29, 2004.

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