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THEOBALD THOMAS C Symbol				er Name and Ticker or Trading AS INC [VTR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M	, , , ,										
				onth/Day/Year) 13/2008				X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)				
				endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
GREENWICH, CT 06830 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								eporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V		sposed	l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial		
Common Stock	08/13/2008			А	21.978 (1)	А	\$ 45.5	20,356.179	D			
Common Stock								3,000 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Trust		
Common Stock								$1,000 \frac{(3)}{(4)}$	Ι	By Child		

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day/ e	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		le and unt of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
Repo	rting O	wners		Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
THEOBALD THOMAS C 8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285 GREENWICH, CT 06830	Х						
Signatures							
Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Rin Attorney-In-Fact	ey,		08/15/2008				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person			Γ	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).

Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in(1) lieu of Director 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) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 1,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) As of August 13, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 35,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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