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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Common

Stock

12/05/2011

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Mason Robert Issuer Symbol VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS (Check all applicable) INC [VCI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY 12/05/2011 EVP - Sales & Marketing (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting LIVONIA, MI 48152 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A)

Code V

A

Amount

48,000

(1)

(D)

A

Price

\$0

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

58,453 (2)

D

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 of or 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)	\$ 21.9	12/05/2011		A	24,000	(3)	12/05/2018	Common Stock	24,000

Deletionship

Reporting Owners

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

Mason Robert

19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152

EVP - Sales & Marketing

Signatures

Linda J. Schalek, by Power of Attorney

12/07/2011

**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) Awards granted pursuant to the Valassis Communications's, Inc. 2008 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. The shares are subject to performance-based conditions and will be forfeited if such conditions are not satisfied.
- (2) Represents amount of shares beneficially owned as of December 7, 2011.

This option becomes exercisable in increments of 33.3333%, 33.3333% and 33.3334% at such time that the closing sales price per common share is equal to or exceeds \$26.90, \$31.90 and \$36.90, respectively; provided that such market price targets are achieved by December 5, 2014. In any event, however, the option vests by December 5, 2016.

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