

VENTAS INC
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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 *
GEARY RONALD G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9901 LINN STATION ROAD
(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/11/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	09/11/2009		M		5,000	A	\$ 22.15
Common Stock	09/11/2009		M		5,000	A	\$ 27.09
Common Stock	09/11/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		7,400	D	\$ 37.37
Common Stock	09/11/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$ 37.3703
Common Stock	09/11/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$ 37.3705
	09/11/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$ 37.3705

__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 September 11, 2009, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (2) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 5, 2004, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal installments on January 5, 2004 and January 5, 2005.
- (3) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 3, 2005, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal installments on January 3, 2005 and January 3, 2006.
- (4) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of September 11, 2009.

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