

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 *
RINEY T RICHARD

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300**

(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)
10/15/2008

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)
EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/15/2008		S(1)(2)		1,538 D \$ 39	325,217	D
Common Stock	10/15/2008		S(1)(2)		162 D \$ 39.13	325,055	D
Common Stock	10/15/2008		S(1)(2)		300 D \$ 39.17	324,755	D
Common Stock	10/15/2008		S(1)(2)		200 D \$ 39.18	324,555	D
Common Stock	10/15/2008		S(1)(2)		300 D \$ 39.22	324,255	D

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Common Stock	10/15/2008	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 39.23	324,155	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2008	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 39.27	324,055	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2008	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,100	D	\$ 39.3	322,955	D	
Common Stock	10/15/2008	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,200	D	\$ 39.48	320,755	D	
Common Stock						1,300 ⁽³⁾	I	By IRA

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
RINEY T RICHARD 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

Signatures

T. Richard Riney 10/17/2008

__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 October 15, 2008, 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 shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated August 8, 2008.
- (3) As of October 15, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 128,366 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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