

SCHULTZ ALAN F
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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 *
 SCHULTZ ALAN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC [VCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2010

LIVONIA, MI 48152

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

(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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 100,000 | A | \$ 11.69 | 345,428 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2010 | | S | | 100,000 | D | \$ 35 | 245,428 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,028 | I | Valassis Employees' 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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.69 | 12/10/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 100,000 | ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2015 | Common Stock | 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHULTZ ALAN F VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 19975 VICTOR PARKWAY LIVONIA, MI 48152 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Linda J. Schalek, by Power of Attorney
12/14/2010

__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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

(2) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 100,000 shares vested in three equal installments on September 19, 2009, February 1, 2010 and February 18, 2010.

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