
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 12)

VENATOR GROUP, INC.

(formerly named Woolworth Corporation)

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (Title of class of securities)

980883 10 2 (CUSIP number)

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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{N/A}}$$ (Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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1	NAME OF REPORTING P S.S. OR I.R.S. IDEN OF ABOVE PERSON		GREENWAY PARTNERS, L.P. 13-3714238
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIA	TE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GRO	(b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY		
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS:		WC, 00
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLO		S REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e):
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLAC	E OF ORGANIZATION:	Delaware
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER:	2,350,000
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER:	0
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:	2,350,000
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BE PERSON:	NEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTI	NG 2,350,000
11		NEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTI	

12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:	[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):	1.7%
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON:	PN

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 L	NAME OF REPORTING S.S. OR I.R.S. II OF ABOVE PERSON	G PERSON).	GREENTREE PART 13-3752875	NERS, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPE	RIATE BOX IF A M		UP:	(a) (b)	[x] [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY					
1	SOURCE OF FUNDS:			WC,	00	
5			PROCEEDINGS I	S REQUIRED PURSUANT TO		2(e): [_]
3	CITIZENSHIP OR PL	_ACE OF ORGANIZA			Delawa	re
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING			1,500,900	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTIN	IG POWER:		Θ	
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSI	TIVE POWER:		1,500,900	
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPO	OSITIVE POWER:		Θ	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERSON:	BENEFICIALLY OW	NED BY REPORTI	NG	1,500,900	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES:	AGGREGATE AMOUN	IT IN ROW (11)	EXCLUDES		[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY	AMOUNT IN ROW			1.1%
	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSON:		PN		

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L	NAME OF REPORTING S.S. OR I.R.S. II OF ABOVE PERSON			GREENHOUSE 13-3793447		5, L.P.		
2	CHECK THE APPROPI		EMBER OF A GROUP			(a) (b)	[x] [_]	
3	SEC USE ONLY							
1	SOURCE OF FUNDS:				WC, AF,	00		
5				REQUIRED PURSUANT		2(d) OR	2(e): [_]
3	CITIZENSHIP OR PI	LACE OF ORGANIZA				Delawa	re	
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING				0		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTIN	G POWER:		2,3	50,000		
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSI				0		
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPO	SITIVE POWER:		2,3	50,000		
	AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERSON:	BENEFICIALLY OW	NED BY REPORTING		2,35	60,000		
12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES:	AGGREGATE AMOUN	` ,	CLUDES				_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY					1.7	 '%
	TYPE OF REPORTING	G PERSON:		PN				

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 L	NAME OF REPOR S.S. OR I.R.S OF ABOVE PERS	. IDENTIFICATION NO.		GREENHUT L.L.C. 13-3793450		
2		ROPRIATE BOX IF A MEM			(a) (b)	[x] [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY					
1	SOURCE OF FUN	DS:		WC, A		
5	CHECK BOX IF $\left[{}_{-}\right]$	DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL P			EM 2(d) OR	2(e):
6	CITIZENSHIP 0	R PLACE OF ORGANIZATI			Delawar	e
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING PO			0	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING			1,500,900	
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITI	VE POWER:		0	
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSI			1,500,900	
11	AGGREGATE AMO PERSON:	UNT BENEFICIALLY OWNE	D BY REPORTING	1	,500,900	
12	CHECK BOX IF CERTAIN SHARE	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT S:	` ,	DES		[_]
13	PERCENT OF CL	ASS REPRESENTED BY AM				1.1%
	TYPE OF REPOR	TING PERSON:		00		

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L	NAME OF REPORTING S.S. OR I.R.S. II OF ABOVE PERSON			GREENBELT 13-3791931				
2	CHECK THE APPROPI		EMBER OF A GROU			(a) (b)		
3	SEC USE ONLY							
1	SOURCE OF FUNDS:				00			
5	CHECK BOX IF DISC		PROCEEDINGS IS	REQUIRED PURSUANT	TO ITEM	2(d) OR	2(e):	[_]
) }	CITIZENSHIP OR PI	LACE OF ORGANIZA				Delawa	re	
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING			,	896,322		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTIN	G POWER:			0		
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSI	TIVE POWER:		9,	896,322		
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPO	SITIVE POWER:			0		
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERSON:	BENEFICIALLY OW	NED BY REPORTIN	G	9,8	96,322		
12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES:	AGGREGATE AMOUN	T IN ROW (11) E	XCLUDES			 [_	_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY	,				7.:	1%
	TYPE OF REPORTING	G PERSON:		CO				

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 L	NAME OF REPORT S.S. OR I.R.S OF ABOVE PERSO	. IDENTIFICATION		GREENSEA OFFSHORE, L.P.	-
2	CHECK THE APPR	ROPRIATE BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(b) [_]	-
3	SEC USE ONLY				-
1	SOURCE OF FUND			WC, 00	-
5	CHECK BOX IF $[_]$	DISCLOSURE OF LE		REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e):	-
3	CITIZENSHIP OF	R PLACE OF ORGAN		Cayman Islands	-
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTI	NG POWER:	2,250,000	-
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VO	TING POWER:	0	-
EACH REPORTING	9		OSITIVE POWER:	2,250,000	-
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DI	SPOSITIVE POWER:	0	-
11	AGGREGATE AMOU PERSON:	JNT BENEFICIALLY	OWNED BY REPORTING	2,250,000	-
12	CHECK BOX IF TO CERTAIN SHARES		OUNT IN ROW (11) EXC	CLUDES	
13	PERCENT OF CLA	ASS REPRESENTED	BY AMOUNT IN ROW (12		- 5
	TYPE OF REPORT	TING PERSON:		PN	-

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 L	NAME OF REPORTING S.S. OR I.R.S. II OF ABOVE PERSON	G PERSON		GREENHUT OVER 13-3868906	SEAS, L.L.C.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPE	RIATE BOX IF A M		JP:	(a) (b)	
3	SEC USE ONLY					
1	SOURCE OF FUNDS:			WC	, AF, 00	
5			PROCEEDINGS IS	S REQUIRED PURSUANT TO		R 2(e): [_]
3	CITIZENSHIP OR PI	_ACE OF ORGANIZA			Delawa	are
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING			0	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTIN	G POWER:		2,250,000	
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSI			0	
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPO	SITIVE POWER:		2,250,000	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERSON:	BENEFICIALLY OW	NED BY REPORTI	NG	2,250,000	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES:	AGGREGATE AMOUN	T IN ROW (11)	EXCLUDES		[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY	AMOUNT IN ROW			1.6%
	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSON:		00		

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 L	NAME OF REPOR S.S. OR I.R.S OF ABOVE PERS	RTING PERSON S. IDENTIFICATION		ALFRED D. KINGSLEY	
2	CHECK THE APP		A MEMBER OF A GROUF	(1	a) [x] b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY				
1	SOURCE OF FUN			PF, AF, 00	
5	CHECK BOX IF [_]	DISCLOSURE OF LE		REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d)	OR 2(e):
3	CITIZENSHIP C	OR PLACE OF ORGAN		United States	S
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTI	NG POWER:	832,300	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VO	TING POWER:	15,997,22	2
EACH REPORTING	9		OSITIVE POWER:	832,300	
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DI	SPOSITIVE POWER:	15,997,22	
11	AGGREGATE AMO	OUNT BENEFICIALLY	OWNED BY REPORTING	16,829,522	
12	CHECK BOX IF CERTAIN SHARE		OUNT IN ROW (11) EX	CLUDES	[_]
13	PERCENT OF CL	ASS REPRESENTED	BY AMOUNT IN ROW (1	1):	12.1%
	TYPE OF REPOR	RTING PERSON:		IN	

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 1	NAME OF REPO S.S. OR I.R. OF ABOVE PER	RTING PERSON S. IDENTIFICATION SON	NO.	GARY K. DUBERS	TEIN
2		PROPRIATE BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROU		(a) [x] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	SOURCE OF FU	NDS:			AF, 00
5	CHECK BOX IF [_]		GAL PROCEEDINGS IS	REQUIRED PURSUANT TO	. , ,
6	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGAN	IZATION:		Delaware
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTI	NG POWER:		0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VO	TING POWER:		15,997,222
EACH REPORTING	9		OSITIVE POWER:		0
PERSON WITH	10	-	SPOSITIVE POWER:	:	15,997,222
11			OWNED BY REPORTIN		5,997,222
12	CHECK BOX IF CERTAIN SHAR		OUNT IN ROW (11) E	XCLUDES	[_]
13	PERCENT OF C		BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11.5%
 14	TYPE OF REPO	RTING PERSON:		TN	

This Amendment No. 12 ("Amendment No. 12") amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed on May 18, 1998, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on June 5, 1998, Amendment No. 2 filed on July 7, 1998, Amendment No. 3 filed on August 23, 1998, Amendment No. 4 filed on October 2, 1998, Amendment No. 5 filed on December 1, 1998, Amendment No. 6 filed on January 6, 1999, Amendment No. 7 filed on January 29, 1999, Amendment No. 8 filed on March 12, 1999, Amendment No. 9 filed on March 25, 1999, Amendment No. 10 filed on March 13, 2000 and Amendment No. 11 filed on January 19, 2001 and is filed by and on behalf of Greenway Partners, L.P. ("Greenway"), Greentree Partners, L.P. ("Greenhut"), Greenhouse Partners, L.P. ("Greenhouse"), Greenhut, L.L.C. ("Greenhut"), Greenbelt Corp. ("Greenbelt"), Greensea Offshore, L.P. ("Greensea"), Greenhut Overseas, L.L.C. ("Greenhut Overseas"), Alfred D. Kingsley ("Kingsley") and Gary K. Duberstein ("Duberstein"; the foregoing persons being referred to collectively as the "Reporting Persons"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) As of the date of this Statement, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned in the aggregate 16,829,522 Shares constituting 12.1% of the outstanding Shares (the percentage of Shares owned being based upon 139,471,607 Shares outstanding on June 1, 2001, as set forth in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 5, 2001). The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of Shares as follows:

Name	Number of Shares	Approximate Percentage of Outstanding Shares
Greenway	2,350,000	1.7%
Greentree	1,500,900	1.1%
Greenbelt	9,896,322	7.1%
Greensea	2,250,000	1.6%
Kingsley	832,300	0.6%

Greenhouse, as the general partner of Greenway, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greenway may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as general partners of Greenhouse, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhouse may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenhut, as the general partner of Greentree, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greentree may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as members of Greenhut, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhut may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenhut Overseas, as the investment general partner of Greensea, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greensea may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein,

as members of Greenhut Overseas, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhut Overseas may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenbelt has direct beneficial ownership of the Shares in the accounts that it manages. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as executive officers and directors of Greenbelt, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares that Greenbelt beneficially owns. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein hereby disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

(b) Greenway has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 2,350,000 Shares and the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhouse and Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greenway the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greentree has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 1,500,900 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhut, Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greentree the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greensea has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 2,250,000 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhut Overseas, Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greensea the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greenbelt has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 9,986,322 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greenbelt the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Kingsley has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 832,300 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares.

- (c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares by the Reporting Persons during the last sixty days is set forth in Exhibit 22, attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares, except the dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of Shares in each respective account managed by Greenbelt will be delivered into each such respective account, as the case may be. No such individual account has an interest in more than five percent of the class of outstanding Shares.
 - (e) Not applicable.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

The following Exhibits are filed herewith:

 $\,$ 22. Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days.

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SIGNATURES

 $After \ reasonable \ inquiry \ and \ to \ the \ best \ of \ their \ knowledge \\ and \ belief, \ the \ undersigned \ certify \ that \ the \ information \ contained \ in \ this \\ Statement \ is \ true, \ complete \ and \ correct.$

Dated: July 10, 2001

GREENHOUSE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein General Partner

GREENHUT, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Member

GREENHUT OVERSEAS, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

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Member

GREENWAY PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Greenhouse Partners, L.P.

General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein General Partner

GREENTREE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Greenhut, L.L.C.

General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

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Member

GREENSEA OFFSHORE, L.P.

By: Greenhut Overseas, L.L.C.

Investment General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Member

GREENBELT CORP.

By: /s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

Alfred D. Kingsley

President

/s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

Alfred D. Kingsley

/s/ Gary K. Duberstein

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Gary K. Duberstein

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

22. Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days.

Exhibit 22

TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER

The Reporting Persons engaged in the following transactions in Shares of the Issuer during the past 60 days. All such transactions involved sales of Shares and were effected on The New York Stock Exchange.

Reporting Person With Direct Beneficial Ownership	Date of Transaction	Number of Shares	Price per Share (Excluding Commissions)
Greenbelt	06/14/01	(670,000)	\$14.1765
Greenbelt	06/15/01	(435,000)	\$14.9013