



Verisign CFO Leaving Company to Pursue New Opportunities

DULLES, VA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 09/08/11 -- VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN) today announced that Brian Robins has resigned to pursue new opportunities outside of Verisign. His resignation as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Verisign was effective Sept. 7, 2011. His last day as an employee with the company will be Sept. 30, 2011.

"Over the last four years, we have created a considerable amount of shareholder value by refocusing the company through the completion of the divestiture plan and the sale of the Authentication Services business," said Jim Bidzos, executive chairman, president and chief executive officer. "We appreciate Brian's contributions in completing this divestiture strategy and positioning the company to take advantage of new opportunities. We all wish Brian the very best. Brian will be available to assist with the transition through Sept. 30."

"This decision was a very difficult one for me to make. Verisign has an excellent team, a strong business model and has been executing on all its objectives in the first half of 2011," said Brian Robins. "I wish the best for my Verisign colleagues."

Both Bidzos and Robins said the company is reaffirming its guidance for 2011 and that today's news was not the result of any matters which, to the company's knowledge, would have an adverse impact on the integrity of the company's financial statements or the results of its operations.

Verisign announced that it will name an interim chief financial officer soon.

VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN) is the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world. Billions of times each day, Verisign helps companies and consumers all over the world connect online with confidence. Additional news and information about the company is available at www.verisigninc.com.

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