

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Commission File Number:  
000-23593

**FORM 12b-25**

**NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**

(Check one):  Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  
 Form 10-D  Form N-SAR  Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2008

- Transition Report on Form 10-K  
 Transition Report on Form 20-F  
 Transition Report on Form 11-K  
 Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.*

**Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.**

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

**PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

**VeriSign, Inc.**

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

**487 East Middlefield Road**

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

**Mountain View, CA 94043**

City, State and Zip Code

**PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense  
(b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and  
(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

**PART III — NARRATIVE**

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

VeriSign, Inc. (the "Company") is delayed in preparing and filing its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (the "Form 10-K") due to the fact that it entered into a material binding agreement to sell its Communications Services business on March 2, 2009, the date upon which the Form 10-K was due. The sale transaction provides evidence of the valuation of the Communications Services disposal group, which was held for sale as of December 31, 2008. The sale transaction requires the Company to determine whether this evidence impacts the valuation of the disposal group used prior to the sale for the purpose of preparing the financial statements included in the Form 10-K. The Company could not fully determine what impact, if any, the sale had on the financial statements in the 10-K, or fully incorporate these results in the Form 10-K, without unreasonable effort or expense. The Company currently expects to file the Form 10-K by March 17, 2009.

**PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION**

- (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

**Richard H. Goshorn**

**703**

**948-4551**

(Name)

(Area Code)

(Telephone Number)

- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes  No

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Yes  No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

