Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MITCHELL W G CHAMPION | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERISIGN INC/CA [VRSN] | | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 487 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2003 | | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive Vice President & GM | | | | |
| (Street) MOUNTAIN VIEW CA | | 94043 | | 4. | If Ame | endme | ent, Date | e of C | Original Filed (Month/Da | | | | | Line) | Form fil | Form filed by Mor | | rting Perso | n | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| | | Ta | ble I - No | n-Deriv | vativ | re Se | ecuri | ties A | cqu | uired, I | Disp | osed o | of, or | Ben | eficially | / Owned | | | | |
| Da | | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | 5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo | s lly ollowing | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | | V | Amount | | A) or D) | Price | Transacti (Instr. 3 a | on(s) | | | (1130.4) | |
| Common Stock 1 | | | | | 2/03/2003 | | | | | M | | 4,687 | 7 | A | \$10.08 | 4,687 | | | D | |
| Common Stock 12/03. | | | | | 3/200 | 2003 | | | | S | | 4,687 | 7 | D | \$16.69 | 0 | | | D | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | | sed of onverti | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of | | Expi | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | le and | 7. Title and Amoi of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | | s Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exe | e rcisable | | opiration | Title | 1 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$10.08 | 12/03/2003 | | | M | | | 4,687 | 05/2 | 24/2003 ⁽¹ | 05 | 5/24/2009 | Comr Stoo | | 4,687 | \$0 | 46,87 | 5 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$22.71 | | | | | | | | 02/2 | 21/2003 ⁽¹ | 02 | 2/21/2009 | Comr | | 100,000 | | 100,00 | 00 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to | \$47.17 | | | | | | | | 01/3 | 31/2002 ⁽² | 07 | 7/31/2008 | Comr | | 185,000 | | 185,00 | 00 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 25% of the total options granted vest and become exercisable one year after the date of grant and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter until fully vested.
- 2. Options vest 25% six (6) months after the vesting start date of July 31, 2001, and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter for a total of 25% each twelve (12) month period.

Remarks:

Mr. Mitchell ceased being a Section 16 Reporting Person of VeriSign on November 25, 2003, the effective date of the closing of the sale of VeriSign's domain name registrar business, Network Solutions, to Pivotal Private Equity.

> By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact For: W. G. **Champion Mitchell**

12/03/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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