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

**Amendment No. 3 to
SCHEDULE TO**

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

VeriSign, Inc.
(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

VeriSign, Inc.
(Names of Filing Persons (offeror))

**Options to purchase common stock, par value \$0.001 per share,
under the VeriSign, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan**
(Title of Class of Securities)

92343E102
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (underlying common stock, par value \$0.001 per share))

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(Name, address, and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and communications
on behalf of filing persons)

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Calculation of Filing Fee

Transaction valuation

\$127,379,078*

Amount of filing fee

\$11,719**

* Calculated solely for the purpose of determining the amount of filing fee. This amount assumes that options to purchase 14,144,587 shares of common stock of VeriSign, Inc. having an aggregate value of \$127,379,078 as of November 20, 2002 will be cancelled pursuant to this offer. The aggregate value of such options was calculated based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals .000092 times the transaction valuation.

** Previously paid.

Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: Not applicable.
Form or Registration No.: Not applicable.
Filing Party: Not applicable.
Date Filed: Not applicable.

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

This Amendment No. 3 amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by VeriSign, Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 27, 2002 (the "Schedule TO"), relating to an offer by the Company to exchange certain Company options for new options to purchase shares of common stock to be granted by the Company upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Offer to Exchange that was filed as Exhibit (a)(1) to the Schedule TO.

Item 10. Financial Statements.

(i) Item 10 of the Schedule TO and Section 9 of the Offer to Exchange are hereby amended and supplemented to add the following financial data in the subsection entitled "Selected Financial Data":

The deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges for each of the periods indicated is as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	December 31, 2001	December 31, 2000	September 30, 2002	September 30, 2001
Deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges	\$(13,431,536)	\$(3,113,444)	\$(4,915,998)	\$(13,019,184)

These computations include us and our consolidated subsidiaries. Earnings consist of pretax losses from continuing operations before minority interest in net loss of subsidiary plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and that portion of rental expense we believe to be representative of interest.

The book value per share of our common stock as of each of the dates indicated is as follows:

	As of			
	December 31, 2001	December 31, 2000	September 30, 2002	September 30, 2001
Book Value Per Share	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.03

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
(a)(1)	Offer to Exchange Dated November 27, 2002.*
(a)(2)	Form of Election to Participate.*
(a)(3)	Form of Confirmation to Employees of Receipt of Election to Participate/Not Participate in the Offer to Exchange.*
(a)(4)	Form of Confirmation of Cancellation to Employees Electing to Participate in the Offer to Exchange.*
(a)(5)	Form of Notice of Withdrawal.*
(a)(6)	Form of Email Sent to Eligible Option Holders on November 27, 2002.*
(a)(7)	Form of Email Sent to Eligible Option Holders on November 27, 2002.*
(a)(8)	The Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference).
(a)(9)	The Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference).
(a)(10)	Questions and answers about the Offer to Exchange dated December 13, 2002.*
(a)(11)	Form of Email Sent to Eligible Option Holders on December 13, 2002.*
(a)(12)	Supplement to Offer to Exchange dated December 18, 2002.
(b)	Not applicable.
(d)(1)	The VeriSign, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.05 filed with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 on September 21, 2001 (Commission File No. 333-69818)).
(g)	Not applicable.
(h)	Not applicable.

* Previously filed.

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule TO is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 18, 2002

VERISIGN, INC.

By: /s/ JAMES M. ULAM

James M. Ulam
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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**Supplement to Offer Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock
December 18, 2002**

To all VeriSign domestic employees eligible to participate in the Offer to Exchange:

On November 27, 2002, you were sent an "Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock." Section 9 of that document contained selected financial data with respect to VeriSign. This supplement includes that same selected financial data, as well as information regarding our book value per share and deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges for the periods presented. This document is a supplement to the Offer to Exchange, dated November 27, 2002, and you should read this supplement together with the Offer to Exchange.

Selected Financial Data

The following table summarizes certain of our consolidated financial data.

	Year Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	December 31, 2001	December 31, 2000	September 30, 2002	September 30, 2001
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:				
Revenue	\$ 983,564	\$ 474,766	\$ 946,666	\$ 699,765
Costs of revenues	343,721	163,049	436,084	238,166
Total costs and expenses	14,394,390	3,675,075	5,709,741	13,702,739
Operating loss	(13,410,826)	(3,200,309)	(4,763,075)	(13,002,974)
Total other income (expense)	(22,469)	86,169	(154,025)	(17,456)
Net income (loss)	(13,355,952)	(3,115,474)	(4,921,917)	(12,954,842)
Net income (loss) per share, basic and diluted	(65.64)	(19.57)	(20.83)	(64.34)
Shares used in per share computation, basic and diluted	203,478	159,169	236,283	201,362
Other Data:				
Deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges	\$(13,431,536)	\$(3,113,444)	\$(4,915,998)	\$(13,019,184)

The computations of deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges include us and our consolidated subsidiaries. Earnings consist of pretax losses from continuing operations before minority interest in net loss of subsidiary plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and that portion of rental expense we believe to be representative of interest.

	As of			
	December 31, 2001	December 31, 2000	September 30, 2002	September 30, 2001
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Balance Sheet Data:				
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$ 928,478	\$ 1,235,420	\$ 382,060	\$ 1,186,599
Working capital	256,714	520,953	(129,493)	294,350
Current assets	1,090,559	1,186,432	607,757	984,167
Non-current assets	6,446,949	18,008,790	1,991,166	5,410,499
Total current liabilities	833,845	665,479	737,250	689,817
Total long-term liabilities	197,589	59,135	244,347	146,203
Total stockholders' equity	6,506,074	18,470,608	1,617,326	5,558,646
Book value per share	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.03

The financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 2001 and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002 are incorporated herein by reference. Copies of these reports are available from us upon request and are available to the public on the Web site of the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov.