

VERTICALNET INC  
Form 8-K  
January 06, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

January 3, 2006

Verticalnet, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

000-25269

23-2815834

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

400 Chester Field Parkway, Malvern,  
Pennsylvania

19355

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(610) 240-0600

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

As previously reported, on August 16, 2005, Verticalnet, Inc. ("Verticalnet") issued \$6.6 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Secured Convertible Promissory Notes due July 2, 2007 (the "Notes"). On January 3, 2006, pursuant to the terms of the Notes, Verticalnet paid an aggregate of \$315,250 as payment of principal then due on the Notes through the issuance of an aggregate of 640,359 shares of Verticalnet's common stock and paid an aggregate of \$24,050 in cash as payment of interest then due on the Notes to the holders of the Notes (the "Note Holders").

Furthermore, on December 20, 2005, a Note Holder converted \$70,000 of the principal amount of its Note into 100,000 shares of Verticalnet's common stock at its stated conversion price of \$0.70 per share.

The shares of Verticalnet's common stock were issued to the Note Holders, each an accredited investor, in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 506 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Verticalnet, Inc.

*January 6, 2006*

By: *Gene S. Godick*

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*Name: Gene S. Godick*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*