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	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549							N OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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Form 5 obligatior may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	inue. Section 17(Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940									
(Print or Type R	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MCLAUGHLIN MARK D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERISIGN INC/CA [VRSN]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (.	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Ch	(Check an applicable)				
487 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2004				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
MOUNTAIN	N VIEW, CA 94	043					Person		eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-J	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Reminder: Repo	ort on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	-	-	-				
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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Ar
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Se
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.38	12/17/2004		А	25,000	12/17/2005 <u>(1)</u>	12/17/2011	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.7969					04/15/2001(2)	04/15/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.08					05/24/2003 <u>(3)</u>	05/24/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.88					09/26/2004(4)	09/26/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.79					03/15/2002(5)	03/15/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.79					09/06/2002 <u>(6)</u>	09/06/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.79					02/21/2003(7)	02/21/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.36					08/31/2005 <u>(8)</u>	08/31/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.7969					04/15/2001(2)	04/15/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 151.25					08/01/2001 <u>(2)</u>	08/01/2007	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Other

Director 10% Owner Officer

Senior Vice President

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MCLAUGHLIN MARK D 487 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

Signatures

By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact For: Mark D. McLaughlin

**Signature of Reporting Person

12/20/2004

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Twenty-five percent (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) Immediately
- (3) 25% of the options vested and became exercisable on 05/24/03, and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter from the date of grant.
- (4) $\frac{25\%}{\text{date of grant.}}$ of the options vested and became exercisable on 09/26/04, and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter from the date of grant.

This is an option regrant under the VeriSign Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock dated November 27,
(5) 2002. Twenty-five (25%) percent of the total option vested and became exercisable on March 15, 2002 and vests thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the option each quarter until fully vested.

This is an option regrant under the VeriSign Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock dated November 27,
(6) 2002. Twenty-five (25%) percent of the total option vested and became exercisable on September 6, 2002 and vests thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the option each quarter until fully vested.

This is an option regrant under the VeriSign Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock dated November 27,
(7) 2002. Twenty-five (25%) percent of the total option vested and became exercisable on February 21, 2003 and vests thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the option each quarter until fully vested.

(8) Twenty-five percent (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.

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