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): August 6, 2004

Verticalnet, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

000-25269 (Commission File Number) 23-2815834 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

400 Chester Field Parkway, Malvern, PA (Address of principal executive offices) 19355 Zip Code

Registrant s telephone, including area code: (610) 240-0600

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Not Applicable

(Former name and former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On August 6, 2004, Verticalnet, Inc. issued a press release, filed herewith under Item 7, regarding the closing of a private placement of common stock and warrants.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits:
- 99.1 Press Release, dated August 6, 2004, issued by Verticalnet, Inc. regarding a private placement of common stock and warrants.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

VERTICALNET, INC.

Date: August 6, 2004

By: /s/ Gene S. Godick

Name:Gene S. GodickTitle:Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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