

VERTICALNET INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NICKOLAS JOHN N

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
795 MERCER LANE  
(Street)  
WEST CHESTER, PA 19380

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VERTICALNET INC [VERT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/25/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/25/2008                           | 01/25/2008   | D <sup>(1)</sup>               | 384 D \$ 2.56   | 0   | D  |                                   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. De        |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Option                        | \$ 71.12   | 01/25/2008                           | 01/25/2008   | D <sup>(2)</sup>               | 268   | 09/24/2004   | 09/24/2013  | Common Stock | 268                        |
| Common Stock Option                        | \$ 76.16   | 01/25/2008                           | 01/25/2008   | D <sup>(2)</sup>               | 358   | 01/20/2006   | 01/20/2015  | Common Stock | 358                        |
| Common Stock Option                        | \$ 39.76   | 01/25/2008                           | 01/25/2008   | D <sup>(2)</sup>               | 358   | 02/14/2007   | 02/14/2016  | Common Stock | 358                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NICKOLAS JOHN N<br>795 MERCER LANE<br>WEST CHESTER, PA 19380 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Christopher G. Kuhn, power of attorney  
Date: 01/29/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) These securities were disposed of on January 25, 2008, by BravoSolution U.S.A., Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation ("MergerSub"), and a wholly-owned subsidiary of BravoSolution S.p.A., a corporation organized under the laws of Italy ("Parent"), through a merger (the "Merger") with and into the Issuer, under an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 25, 2007, among Parent, MergerSub and the Issuer (the "Merger Agreement"). Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, the Issuer's shareholders, including the reporting person, are receiving \$2.56 in cash for each share of the Issuer's common stock held prior to the Merger. Following the Merger, the Issuer became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent.
- (2) Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, each option to acquire shares of the Issuer's common stock outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger held by the reporting person has been cancelled by the Issuer, and the reporting person is receiving, in lieu thereof, an amount, if any, in cash without interest and less any required withholding tax, equal to the number of shares of the Issuer's

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common stock subject to the option multiplied by the excess, if any, of \$2.56 per share (the amount per share to be received by the Issuer's shareholders in connection with Merger) less the exercise price per share of such option. The exercise price of all outstanding options to purchase shares of the Issuer's common stock, including the options held by the reporting person, exceeds \$2.56 per share. Thus, there will be no payments made by the Issuer with respect to such securities.

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