

VIASAT INC
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

ViaSat, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)

33-0174996
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**6155 El Camino Real
Carlsbad, California 92009**
(Address, including zip code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Efficient Channel Coding, Inc. 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

**Gregory D. Monahan
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
ViaSat, Inc.**

**6155 El Camino Real
Carlsbad, California 92009
(760) 476-2200**
(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,
Including Area Code for Agent for Service)

**Copies to:
Thomas A. Edwards, Esq.
Craig M. Garner, Esq.
Latham & Watkins LLP
600 West Broadway, Suite 1800
San Diego, California 92101
(619) 236-1234**

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Proposed	Maximum	Amount
Amount	Maximum	Amount of	of
to be		Aggregate	Registration

Title of Securities to be Registered	Registered	Offering Price		Fee
		Per Share	Offering Price	
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	23,408(1)	\$ 143,725(2)	\$ 143,725(2)	\$ 15.38

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock which become issuable under the above-named plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of our outstanding shares of common stock .
- (2) This estimate is made pursuant to Rule 457(h) solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee, and is based on the weighted average exercise price of the options granted under the above-named plan.

Proposed sales to take place as soon after the effective date of this Registration Statement as awards granted under the above-named plan are granted, exercised and/or distributed.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 relates to the issuance of up to 23,408 shares of common stock of ViaSat, Inc. in connection with its assumption of the Efficient Channel Coding, Inc. 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan (the Plan). In December 2005, ViaSat, Inc. acquired Efficient Channel Coding, Inc. In connection with the acquisition, ViaSat, Inc. assumed all of the options then outstanding under the Plan, which options became exercisable for shares of the common stock of ViaSat, Inc.

PART I

Item 1. Plan Information.

Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this Registration Statement, and information that we file later with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents we have filed, or may file, with the Commission:

- (1) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 1, 2005, filed by us with the Commission on June 10, 2005.
- (2) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, filed by us with the Commission on November 7, 2005.
- (3) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on November 22, 2005, May 13, 2005 and May 12, 2005.
- (4) The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed by us with the Commission on November 20, 1996, under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities covered hereby then remaining unsold are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and are a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this Registration Statement. Under no circumstances will any information filed under former items 9 or 12 of Form 8-K or current items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K be deemed incorporated herein by reference unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary.

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Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Our officers and directors are covered by certain provisions of the Delaware General Corporations Law (the DGCL), our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws and insurance policies that serve to limit and, in certain instances, to indemnify them against certain liabilities that they may incur in such capacities. We are not aware of any claim or proceeding in the last three years, or any threatened claim, that would have been or would be covered by these provisions. These various provisions are described below.

In June 1986, Delaware enacted legislation that authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breach of directors' fiduciary duty of care. This duty of care requires that, when acting on behalf of the corporation, directors must exercise an informed business judgment based on all significant information reasonably available to them. Absent the limitations now authorized by such legislation, directors are accountable to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for conduct constituting negligence or gross negligence in the exercise of their duty of care. Although the statute does not change directors' duty of care, it enables corporations to limit available relief to equitable remedies such as injunction or rescission. Our certificate of incorporation limits the liability of our directors to us or our stockholders (in their capacity as directors but not in their capacity as officers) to the fullest extent permitted by such legislation. Specifically, our directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of a director's fiduciary duty as director, except for liability: (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful share repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the DGCL, or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

As a Delaware corporation, we have the power, under specified circumstances generally requiring the director or officer to act in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to our best interests, to indemnify our directors and officers in connection with actions, suits or proceedings brought against them by a third party or in our name, by reason of the fact that they were or are such directors or officers, against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with any such action, suit or proceeding. The bylaws generally provide for mandatory indemnification of our directors and officers to the full extent provided by Delaware corporate law. In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and officers that generally provide for mandatory indemnification under circumstances for which indemnification would otherwise be discretionary under Delaware law.

We maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of ViaSat, or is or was a director or officer of ViaSat serving at the request of ViaSat as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not we would have the power or obligation to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of the bylaws.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following are the exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

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4.1	Efficient Channel Coding, Inc. 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan.
5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm.
23.2	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page of this Registration Statement).

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) We hereby undertake:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement,

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act);

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof), which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement; *provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by us pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) We hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of our annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement, relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by us of expenses incurred or paid by one of our directors, officers or controlling persons in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Carlsbad, State of California, on this January 30, 2006.

ViaSat, Inc.

By: /s/ Ronald G. Wangerin
 Name: Ronald G. Wangerin
 Title: Vice President, CFO

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Mark D. Dankberg and Ronald G. Wangerin, and each of them acting individually, as his or her attorney-in-fact, each with full power of substitution, for him or her in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact, or any substitute, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Mark D. Dankberg	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman (<i>Principal Executive Officer</i>)	January 30, 2006
Mark D. Dankberg		
/s/ Ronald G. Wangerin	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (<i>Principal Financial and Accounting Officer</i>)	January 30, 2006
Ronald G. Wangerin		
/s/ Robert W. Johnson		January 30, 2006
Robert W. Johnson	Director	
/s/ Jeffrey M. Nash		January 30, 2006
Jeffrey M. Nash	Director	
/s/ B. Allen Lay		January 30, 2006
B. Allen Lay	Director	
/s/ Michael B. Targoff		January 30, 2006
Michael B. Targoff	Director	
/s/ John P. Stenbit		January 30, 2006
	Director	

John P. Stenbit

/s/ Harvey P. White

January 30, 2006

Harvey P. White

Director

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