

VERTICALNET INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 13, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\*

Verticalnet, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

92532L 20 6

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(Cusip Number)

December 31, 2003

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1 (b)

Rule 13d-1 (c)

Rule 13d-1 (d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the notes).

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1. Name of Reporting Person: Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 23-1609753

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Pennsylvania

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
0

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
0

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
0

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
0

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
0.0%

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
CO

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1. Name of Reporting Person: Safeguard Delaware, Inc. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 52-2081181

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Delaware

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
0

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
0

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
0

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
0

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
0.0%

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
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1. Name of Reporting Person: Safeguard 2000 Capital, L.P. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 23-3026167

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Delaware

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
0

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
0

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
0

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
0

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
0.0%

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
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1. Name of Reporting Person: Safeguard 2001 Capital, L.P. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 51-0406538

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Delaware

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5. Sole Voting Power:  
0

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
0

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
0

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
0

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

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11.

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
0.0%

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
PN

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Item 1 (a) Name of Issuer:

Verticalnet, Inc.

Item 1 (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

400 Chester Field Parkway Malvern, PA 19355

Item 2 (a) Name of Person Filing:

- (1) Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.
- (2) Safeguard Delaware, Inc.
- (3) Safeguard 2000 Capital L.P.
- (4) Safeguard 2001 Capital L.P.

Item 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office:

- (1) 800 The Safeguard Building  
435 Devon Park Drive  
Wayne, PA 19087-1945
- (2) 103 Springer Building  
3411 Silverside Road  
Wilmington, DE 19803
- (3) 103 Springer Building  
3411 Silverside Road  
Wilmington, DE 19803
- (4) 103 Springer Building  
3411 Silverside Road  
Wilmington, DE 19803

Item 2 (c) Citizenship:

- (1) Pennsylvania
- (2) Delaware
- (3) Delaware
- (4) Delaware

Item 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share

Item 2 (e) CUSIP Number:

92532L 20 6

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a :

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act;



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- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;
- (c)  Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;
- (d)  Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (i)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.  x ]

Item 4 Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

0 shares of common stock

(b) Percent of Class:

0.0%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

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(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ X ]

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. In executing this statement, the undersigned agree, to the extent required by Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii), that this statement is being filed jointly on behalf on each of the Reporting Persons herein.

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.

By: CHRISTOPHER J. DAVIS

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Christopher J. Davis  
Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 29, 2004

SAFEGUARD DELAWARE, INC.

By: CHRISTOPHER J. DAVIS

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Christopher J. Davis  
Vice President

Dated: January 29, 2004

SAFEGUARD 2000 CAPITAL L.P.

By: SAFEGUARD DELAWARE, INC., its  
General Partner

By: CHRISTOPHER J. DAVIS

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Christopher J. Davis  
Vice President

Dated: January 29, 2004

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Christopher J. Davis  
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