As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 3, 1998

Registration No. 333-35563

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 36-4169320 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1901 South Meyers Road, Suite 210 Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 (Address, including zip code, of Principal Executive Offices)

> 1997 VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL, INC. STOCK OPTION PLAN (Full title of the plan)

T. KENDALL HUNT PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 1901 South Meyers Road, Suite 210 Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 (630) 932-8844 (Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of		Proposed
securities to be	Amount to be	Maximum Price
be registered(1)	Registered(1)	Per Share(2)
Common Stock,	5,000,000	\$4.0625
\$.001 par value		

(1) This registration statement (the "Registration Statement") covers shares of the Common Stock, \$.001 par value (the "Common Stock"), of VASCO Data Security International, Inc. the "Company"), which may be offered and sold from time to time pursuant to the 1997 VASCO Data Security International, Inc. Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Plan")(5,000,000 shares). Pursuant to Rule 416(a), the number of shares being registered shall be adjusted to include any additional shares which may become issuable as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions in accordance with the antidilution provisions of the Plan.

(2) Estimated pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (h) of Rule 457 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based upon the average of the reported high and low sales prices for shares of Common Stock on September 1, 1998, as reported on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

Omitted as permitted pursuant to Rule 428 and Form S-8.

Item 2. Registrant Information.

Omitted as permitted pursuant to Rule 428 and Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents of VASCO Data Security International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

A. The description of the Company's Common Stock, \$.001 par value, contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-35563), filed with the Commission on September 12, 1997, including any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

B. The Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997;

C. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 1998;

D. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 1998;

E. All reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered pursuant to this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in this Registration Statement or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified shall not be deemed in its unmodified form, and any statement so superseded shall not be deemed, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") provides that a corporation may indemnify directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses (including attorneys' fees) judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement in connection with specified actions, suits, or proceedings whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation -- a "derivative action"), if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. A similar standard is applicable in the case of derivative actions, except that indemnification is permitted only for expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, and the statute requires court approval before there can be any indemnification for expenses where the person seeking indemnification has been found liable to the corporation. The statute provides that it is not exclusive of other indemnification that may be granted by a corporation's charter, bylaws, disinterested director vote, stockholder vote, agreement, or otherwise.

Article V of the Bylaws of Company provides that the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as it presently exists or may hereafter be amended, any person (an "Indemnitee") who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he, or a person for whom he is the legal representative, is or was a director or officer of the Company or, while a director or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the written request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, against all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including attorneys' fees) reasonably incurred by such Indemnitee. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of Article V, the Company shall be required to indemnify an Indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such Indemnitee only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by the Indemnitee was authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision may not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL (relating to unlawful dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions), or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article SIXTH of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that a director of the Company shall not be liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law. Any amendment, modification or repeal of Article SIXTH shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Company in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to such amendment, modification or repeal.

The Company has a binder for directors' and officers' liability insurance which provides for payment, on behalf of the directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, of certain losses of such persons (other than matters uninsurable under law) arising from claims, including claims arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for acts or omissions by such persons while acting as directors or officers of the Company and/or its subsidiaries as the case may be.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits Exhibit Name of Exhibit Number -----_ _ _ _ _ _ _ 5 Opinion of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP 15 N/A 23.1 Consent of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP Consent of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP (Included in 23.2 Exhibit 5) 24 Powers of Attorney (included on signature page) 99 N/A

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(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;

(ii) To reflect in the Prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this 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; notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this 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 this Registration Statement is on Form S-3 or Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, 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) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the 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 of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant 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, the registrant 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Oakbrook Terrace, State of Illinois, on September 3, 1998.

VASCO Data Security International, Inc.

By: /s/ T. KENDALL HUNT T. Kendall Hunt, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED ON THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998 BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN THE CAPACITIES INDICATED.

/s/ T. KENDALL HUNT
T. Kendall Hunt
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive
Officer, President and Director

/s/ GREGORY T. APPLE Gregory T. Apple Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ FORREST D. LAIDLEY Forrest D. Laidley Secretary and Director

/s/ ROBERT E. ANDERSON Robert E. Anderson Director

/s/ MICHAEL P. CULLINANE Michael P. Cullinane Director

/s/ MARIO R. HOUTHOOFT Mario R. Houthooft Director

/s/ MICHAEL A. MULSHINE Michael A. Mulshine Director September 2, 1998

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549

Re: VASCO Data Security International, Inc.--Registration Statement on Form S-8 $\,$

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as securities counsel for VASCO Data Security International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation by the Company of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to the registration of 5,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), which may be offered from time to time by the Company.

In connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement, we have examined such documents, instruments, records, certificates and matters as we have considered appropriate and necessary to render this opinion. We have assumed for the purpose of this opinion the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies, and the genuineness of all signatures thereon.

Based on the foregoing and in reliance thereon, it is our opinion that the issuance of the Shares have been duly authorized and, after the Registration Statement becomes effective and after any post-effective amendment required by law is duly completed, filed and becomes effective (such Registration Statement as it become effective, or, if required to be post-effectively amended, then as it is so amended, is referred to hereinafter as the "Final Registration Statement"), and when the applicable provisions of "Blue Sky" or other state securities laws shall have been complied with, and when the options are duly exercised and Shares are issued and/or sold in accordance with the terms described in the prospectus forming a part of the Final Registration Statement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the inclusion of our opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and further consent to the references to this firm in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933 or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

This opinion is rendered solely for your benefit in accordance with the subject transaction and is not to be otherwise used, circulated, quoted or referred to without our prior written consent. This opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Delaware and the federal laws of the United States.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the use of our reports dated March 13, 1998 with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of VASCO CORP. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows, and related schedule for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1997, incorporated by reference in this registration statement on Form S-8.

/s/ KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

Chicago, Illinois September 3, 1998