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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): February 12, 2004

VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other juris- diction of incorporation)	000-24389 ----- (Commission File Number)	36-4169320 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1901 South Meyers Road, Suite 210 Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois ----- Address of principal executive offices)	60181 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 932-8844

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

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99.2	Text of script for February 12, 2004 Earnings Conference Call

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

This Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished pursuant to Item 12. See "ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION" below.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 12, 2004, VASCO Data Security International, Inc. (VASCO) issued a press release providing a financial update for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2003. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

On February 12, 2004, VASCO held a conference call with investors to discuss VASCO's fourth quarter earnings and results of operations for the twelve months of 2003. A script read by officers of VASCO during the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The press release contains a reference to EBITDA from continuing operations and provides a reconciliation of EBITDA from continuing operations to net income (loss) from continuing operations on the face of the Consolidated Statement of Operations. EBITDA is used by management for comparisons to other companies within our industry as an alternative to GAAP measures and is used by investors and analysts in evaluating performance. EBITDA, which is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, is computed by adding back net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation expense, and amortization

expense to net income as reported. EBITDA should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. EBITDA, as defined above, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 12, 2004

VASCO Data Security International, Inc.  
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(Registrant)

By: /s/Clifford K. Bown  
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Clifford K. Bown  
Chief Financial Officer

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VASCO REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2003 RESULTS - ACHIEVED FOURTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER OF PROFIT AND POSITIVE OPERATING CASH FLOW - REPORTED RECORD NET INCOME FOR FULL YEAR.

Q4 2003 AND FULL-YEAR REVENUES INCREASE 83% AND 32%, RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR; Q4 2003 NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS OF \$0.2 MILLION COMPARED TO NET LOSSES OF \$1.9 MILLION IN Q4 2002; FULL YEAR 2003 NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS OF \$0.8 MILLION COMPARED TO NET LOSSES OF \$5.1 MILLION IN 2002. BACKLOG FOR FIRM ORDERS TO BE SHIPPED IN Q1 2004 AT \$5.2 MILLION.

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Ill., and BRUSSELS, Belgium, February 12, 2004 - VASCO Data Security International, Inc. (Nasdaq: VDSI) ([www.vasco.com](http://www.vasco.com)), a global provider of security products that enable e-business and e-commerce, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2003. The results being reported for 2002 have been restated to report the activities of the VACMAN Enterprise business unit, which was sold during the third quarter of 2003, as a discontinued operation.

Revenues for the fourth quarter of 2003 were \$6,196,000 and were \$2,805,000, or 83% better than the \$3,391,000 reported for the fourth quarter of 2002. Revenues for the full year ended December 31, 2003 were \$22,866,000 and were \$5,496,000, or 32% better than the \$17,370,000 reported for the full year 2002.

Operating income for the fourth quarter of 2003 was \$365,000 and compares to an operating loss of \$2,008,000 for the same period in 2002. Operating income for the full year ended December 31, 2003 was \$1,124,000 and compares to an operating loss for the full year ended December 31, 2002 of \$4,713,000. Operating expenses for the fourth quarter of 2003 were \$3,548,000, a decrease of \$627,000 or 15% from \$4,175,000 for the same period in 2002. Operating expenses for the full year ended December 31, 2003 were \$12,732,000, a decrease of \$2,191,000 or 15% from \$14,923,000 for the full year ended December 31, 2002.

The Company reported net income from continuing operations of \$235,000 and \$761,000 for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2003, respectively, compared to net losses from continuing operations of \$1,908,000 and \$5,108,000 for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2002, respectively. Net income from total operations was \$265,000 and \$2,756,000 for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2003, respectively and compares to a net loss from total operations of \$1,899,000 and \$4,539,000 for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2002, respectively.

Income per basic and diluted common share from total operations was \$0.01 for the fourth quarter 2003 and compares to a loss per basic and diluted common share of \$0.08 for the comparable period in 2002. The Company reported a loss per basic and diluted common share of \$0.06 from total operations for the full year 2003 compared to a loss per basic and diluted common share of \$0.20 for the full year 2002. The loss per basic and diluted common share for the full year 2003 included a non-cash charge of \$3,720,000 or \$0.12 per share associated with the beneficial conversion option included in the Series D 5% Cumulative Convertible Voting Preferred Stock issued in the third quarter of 2003. The company revised its third quarter 2003 results to reflect a deemed dividend under EITF 98-5 relating to the issuance of its Series D Convertible Preferred Stock during the quarter and will file an amended Form 10-Q as soon as practicable. The change resulted in a reduction in net income available to common shareholders of \$3,720,000 and a reduction in net income (loss) per common share. Net income per common share was reduced from \$0.04 and \$0.06 for the quarter and nine-months ended September 30, 2003, respectively, to a net loss of \$0.08 and \$0.06 per common share, respectively.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA or operating cash flow) from continuing operations were \$348,000 and \$2,299,000 for the fourth quarter and the full year of 2003, respectively, and compares with a loss before these items of \$1,602,000 and \$3,510,000 in the fourth quarter and full year of 2002, respectively.

The Company had a cash balance at December 31, 2003 of \$4,817,000 compared to \$5,524,000 at September 30, 2003 and \$2,616,000 and December 31, 2002.

"The results of the fourth quarter of 2003 reflect the continued focus on executing our plan," said Ken Hunt, VASCO's Chief Executive Officer. "At this time last year, we fine tuned VASCO's focus on its core business, worked closely with our strategic customers to ensure that we could meet their needs in 2003,

reviewed our expense base to ensure that only those activities related to the core business were carried forward into 2003 and analyzed our balance sheet to make sure that we were optimizing our cash flow. The results achieved in 2003 demonstrate that the strategy was sound and the plan was executed successfully. In 2003, we were profitable in each quarter, achieved record profits for the full year, generated positive operating cash flows in each quarter of the year, and restructured our balance sheet to eliminate all debt. We are now well positioned to focus on future growth."

"I am very pleased with the results achieved this year," stated Jan Valcke, President and COO. "The results reflect the hard work of our staff in looking for ways to make our processes more efficient and eliminate costs. It also reflects the broad acceptance of our products in the market place. During the fourth quarter we added 130 new customers, which brings the total new customers for 2003 up to 572. As mentioned before, these customers often start off as pilots and serve as an important source of future revenues as they implement their strategies fully. We also made significant progress in developing new products that we believe will serve our existing customers well and provide us with new opportunities in the future."

Cliff Bown, Executive Vice President and CFO added, "The financial position of the Company improved substantially in 2003. Cash balances improved \$2.2 million, from \$2.6 million at the end of 2002 to \$4.8 million at the end of 2003, all of the Company's term debt was repaid in full and working capital increased approximately \$5.8 million, from a deficit of \$0.6 million at December 31, 2002 to a surplus of \$5.2 million at the end of 2003. The improvement was a direct result of the strong operating performance, including the four consecutive quarters of positive operating cash flow, the reduction in days sales outstanding in accounts receivable, from approximately 73 days at the end of 2002 to 37 days at the end of 2003, and the equity financing that was completed in the third quarter."

VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
UNAUDITED  
( IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31		FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Net revenues	\$ 3,391	\$ 6,196	\$ 17,370	\$ 22,866
Cost of goods sold	1,224	2,283	7,160	9,010
	2,167	3,913	10,210	13,856
Gross profit				
Operating costs:				
Sales and marketing	1,862	2,398	7,602	6,987
Research and development	651	217	2,525	2,281
General and administrative	1,359	932	4,526	3,423
Non-cash compensation (recovery)	(17)	1	(50)	41
Restructuring expenses	320	--	320	--
	4,175	3,548	14,923	12,732
Total operating costs				
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations	(2,008)	365	(4,713)	1,124
Interest income (expense), net	(31)	39	(270)	(80)
Other income (expense), net	131	(261)	15	114
	(1,908)	143	(4,968)	1,158
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes				
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	--	(92)	140	397
	(1,908)	235	(5,108)	761
Net income (loss) from continuing operations				
Discontinued operations:				
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	9	191	569	638
Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax	--	(161)	--	1,357
	(1,899)	265	(4,539)	2,756
Net income (loss)				
Preferred stock beneficial conversion option	--	--	--	(3,720)
Preferred stock accretion/dividends	(291)	(101)	(1,164)	(751)
	\$ (2,190)	\$ 164	\$ (5,703)	\$ (1,715)
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders				
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.08)	\$ --	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.13)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	--	--	0.02	0.07
	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.06)
Net income (loss)				
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):				
Basic	28,262	30,424	28,348	29,270
Diluted	28,262	31,315	28,348	29,270

VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
UNAUDITED  
(IN THOUSANDS)

	DECEMBER 31, 2002	DECEMBER 31, 2003
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<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 2,616	\$ 4,817
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	2,871	2,523
Inventories, net	1,579	1,075
Prepaid expenses	395	476
Other current assets	275	767
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Total current assets	7,736	9,658
Property and equipment, net	1,156	882
Intangible assets, net	2,160	1,628
Note receivable and investment in SSI	--	1,132
Other assets	81	83
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Total assets	\$ 11,133	\$ 13,383
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<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 3,590	\$ --
Accounts payable	1,850	1,698
Deferred revenue	644	386
Other accrued expenses	2,238	2,355
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Total current liabilities	8,322	4,440
Long-term debt, less current maturities	--	--
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Series C Convertible Preferred Stock	9,108	--
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	--	5,786
Common stock	28	30
Additional paid-in capital	36,763	47,167
Accumulated deficit	(42,608)	(43,693)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) - cumulative translation adjustment	(480)	(346)
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Total stockholders' equity	2,811	8,943
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 11,133</b>	<b>\$ 13,383</b>
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Reconciliation of EBITDA from continuing operations to net income from continuing operations:

	UNAUDITED			
	THREE MONTHS ENDED		TWELVE MONTHS ENDED	
	DEC. 31, 2002	DEC. 31, 2003	DEC. 31, 2002	DEC. 31, 2003
EBITDA	\$(1,602,000)	\$ 348,000	\$(3,510,000)	\$2,299,000
Interest expense, net	31,000	(39,000)	270,000	80,000
Tax provision	--	(92,000)	140,000	397,000
Depreciation and amortization	275,000	244,000	1,188,000	1,061,000
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$(1,908,000)	\$ 235,000	\$(5,108,000)	\$ 761,000

Highlights of the Quarter:

- - VASCO's Digipass 800 selected by Mastercard and Barclaycard to be part of the first EMV-project in Europe;
- - VASCO launches Digipass Soft for Sony Ericsson P800;
- - Kasikornbank (Thailand) to offer Digipass 580 to its customers;
- - VASCO presents at AeA Technology Conference;
- - Bank Mandiri (Indonesia) to use VASCO's Digipass 260;
- - VASCO Launches Digipass Pack for Lotus Domino;
- - VASCO Launches VACMAN Middleware 2.1.

Please join us during our upcoming conference call on February 12, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. EDT - 16:00h CET. During the Conference Call, Mr. Ken Hunt, Chairman & CEO, Mr. Jan Valcke, President and COO, and Mr Cliff Bown, CFO, will discuss VASCO's Results for the Fourth Quarter and Full Year ended December 31, 2003. To participate in this Conference Call, please dial one of the following numbers:

USA/Canada: +1 888-424-5801  
 International: +1 973-409-9258

And mention access code: VASCO to be connected to the Conference Call.

The Conference Call is also available in listen-only mode on [www.vasco.com](http://www.vasco.com). Please log on 15 minutes before the start of the Conference Call in order to download and install any necessary software. The recorded version of the Conference Call will be available on the VASCO website 24 hours a day.

ABOUT VASCO: VASCO designs, develops, markets and supports patented "Identity Authentication" products for e-business and e-commerce. VASCO's Identity Authentication software is delivered via its Digipass security products, small "calculator" hardware devices carried by an end user, or in a software format on mobile phones, other portable devices, and PCs. For user access control, VASCO's VACMAN products guarantee that only designated Digipass users get access to the application. VASCO's target markets are the applications and their several hundred million users that utilize fixed passwords as security. VASCO's time-based system generates a "one-time" password that changes with every use, and is virtually impossible to hack, or break. With 10 million Digipass products sold and ordered, VASCO has established itself as a world-leader for strong Identity Authentication with 250 international financial institutions, approximately 1400 blue-chip

corporations, and governments representing more than 60 countries.

#### Forward Looking Statements

Statements made in this news release that relate to future plans, events or performances are forward-looking statements. Any statement containing words such as "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," and similar words, is forward-looking, and these statements involve risks and uncertainties and are based on current expectations. Consequently, actual results could differ materially from the expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements.

Reference is made to the Company's public filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission for further information regarding the Company and its operations.

More information is available at [www.vasco.com](http://www.vasco.com).

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## EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL FEBRUARY 12, 2004

Tony Schor to introduce the call and read the Forward Looking Statements

TONY SCHOR

THANK YOU OPERATOR, AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL'S 4th QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2003 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL.

MY NAME IS TONY SCHOR, PRESIDENT OF INVESTOR AWARENESS, INC., A FULL-SERVICE INVESTOR RELATIONS AGENCY THAT PROVIDES STRATEGIC INVESTOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR VASCO DATA SECURITY.

SHOULD ANYONE LIKE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VASCO OR BE INCLUDED ON THE VASCO E-MAIL LIST, PLEASE CONTACT INVESTOR AWARENESS AT 847-945-2222.

KEN HUNT, THE CHAIRMAN, FOUNDER & CEO OF VASCO DATA SECURITY INTERNATIONAL WILL FIRST DISCUSS THE COMPANY'S RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. MR HUNT WILL THEN INTRODUCE JAN VALCKE, PRESIDENT & COO, WHO WILL GIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT VASCO'S DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS. WE WILL THEN HEAR DIRECTLY FROM CLIFF BOWN, CFO WHO WILL DISCUSS 4th QUARTER FINANCIAL NUMBERS. AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION, WE WILL OPEN THE CALL UP TO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO READ THE FOLLOWING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS:

Forward Looking Statements

STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS CONFERENCE CALL THAT RELATE TO FUTURE PLANS, EVENTS OR PERFORMANCES ARE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. ANY STATEMENT CONTAINING WORDS SUCH AS "BELIEVES," "ANTICIPATES," "PLANS," "EXPECTS," AND SIMILAR WORDS, IS FORWARD-LOOKING, AND THESE STATEMENTS INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES AND ARE BASED ON CURRENT EXPECTATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THE EXPECTATIONS EXPRESSED IN THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. I DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE COMPANY'S FILINGS WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR A DISCUSSION OF SUCH RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES IN THIS REGARD.

I would now like to introduce Mr. Ken Hunt, Chairman and CEO of VASCO Data Security International, Inc.

GENERAL COMMENTS - KEN HUNT

Good morning everyone. For those listening in from Europe, good afternoon, and Asia, good evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for participating in today's call. Today, we would like to review 4th quarter and full year 2003, and give you some expectations for 1st quarter 2004. We will also comment on the Company's expectations, presented in a range of percentages for revenue growth, gross margin, and operating income for 2004.

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I look back on 2003 with satisfaction and pride. When I was asked by VASCO's Board to return as CEO in late November of 2002, I was frustrated that we had not been able to achieve profitability. I was frustrated that we were burning cash, and in fact, it appeared that we would soon run out of cash. Our people were also frustrated. They welcomed a leadership change, and were anxious to work hard to contribute to VASCO's success. I am proud of all of VASCO's people. No one gave-up, no one thought we couldn't succeed.

A key promotion in late November of 2002 was the appointment of Jan Valcke to President and Chief Operating Officer. Under Jan's leadership, the Company further lowered its operating costs, increased its revenue production, introduced new products, added a significant number of new accounts, and achieved positive operating income, and positive EBITDA, or operating cash flow, in all of the quarters of 2003.

Looking back over 2003, we achieved a lot! And I am not just referring to our financial performance. In 2003 we:

- Completed the sale of VACMAN Enterprise, a unit no longer core to VASCO's business,

- Reached agreement with Ubizen to repurchase its \$ 15 million preferred stock investment in VASCO for \$ 4 million in cash and 2 million VASCO common shares,
- Completed an \$ 8 million capital raise through a private placement managed by investment bankers Wedbush Morgan and Gilford Securities,
- Repaid Dexia Bank its \$3.4 million term loan plus interest,

Launched Digipass Pack for Microsoft Outlook Web Access and Lotus Domino Covering Over 80% of Web Mail Access, Introduced Digipass G03, our entry level one-button token, the most easy to use and cost effective one-time password device in the market, Sold and shipped 2.4 million Digipass tokens for a total of 10.4 million program to date, Signed 10 new distributor agreements, bringing the total number of VASCO distributors to 29, and Settled the Activcard lawsuit.

Business-wise, we had a solid 4th quarter. Our revenues were \$6, 196,000, up 83% over 4th Quarter of 2002; and we had Net Income From Continuing Operations of \$235,000. Revenues for the full year 2003 were \$22,866,000, 32% higher than full year 2002. We also had Net Income from Continuing Operations for full-year 2003 of \$761,000. Very importantly, we continued to control costs, reporting a 15% decrease over the same 12 month period last year, including the costs associated with the aggressive defense of the Company's position relative to the ActivCard patent lawsuit.

We continued to grow our customer base by selling new accounts both directly through our own sales force, but particularly important through our growing distributor and reseller channel. During 4th quarter we sold an additional 130 new accounts, including 23 new banks, and 107 new Corporate Network Access customers. Approximately 90% of these Corporate Network Access new accounts were generated through our distributor and reseller partners. We are very pleased with the development of our distributor channel.

For full year 2003, we sold 572 new accounts of which 69 were banks and 502 were Corporate Network Access customers, and 1 E-commerce customer. We now have approximately 262 banks as customers, plus approximately 1145 network access accounts including corporations, federal, state and local governments, 15 in E-commerce, and 1 in E-government located in over 60 countries around the world.

The distributor/reseller channel is a continued focus for our business development staff. The reseller channel is extremely important to VASCO because it broadens and stabilizes our customer base, and allows us to leverage our sales through established, productive sales and support organizations. We have communicated the positive impact of this channel by reporting significant new accounts produced through this channel over the past full year. Program to date we have signed 29 distributors who, in turn, service over 1000 resellers. Additionally, we have trained and certified over 1250 professionals from these organizations to sell and support VASCO's products.

#### VASCO'S STRATEGY:

Our strategy has been, and continues to be, to identify and develop markets whose customers will generate a sustainable and repeatable revenue stream to VASCO. These are organizations that have large audiences, including employees, customers, partners, suppliers, or other associated parties. As revenue is created from these VASCO customers, the cost of supporting the production of these revenues is expected to decrease as a percentage of the revenues.

One such market is VASCO's strongest vertical market, banking and finance. We typically sign a bank, assist them in a pilot application, then help them roll out their application to thousands or even millions of users over multiple months or years.

A second growth market for VASCO is Corporate Network Access (CNA). Working through growing Reseller and Solutions Partner networks that I mentioned before, VASCO is able to reach hundreds of thousands of end customers. We support and train our resellers' professionals, who, in turn, train others in their respective firms. These resellers sell VASCO's Digipass Pack solutions to long-standing customers and new accounts. They sell to small and medium accounts that VASCO could not feasibly reach directly. They sell first in small pilots then follow up with add-on sales. As VASCO selects, signs, then trains and supports these resellers, our cost for supporting these revenues is also expected to decrease as a percentage of the revenues.

More broadly speaking, our target markets are the applications and the users who currently authenticate themselves with a "static" or fixed password. Industry reports identify over a half a billion users worldwide who rely on fixed passwords. This number is expected to more than double by the end of 2004. VASCO, a market leader in Identity Authentication, has sold and delivered over 10.4 million Digipass by the end of full year 2003. We have just scratched the surface of this enormous market. Additionally, with over 50,000 banks in the world, and our penetration of approximately 262 banks as customers, we have a significant untapped opportunity in the banking and finance market.

#### INTRODUCE JAN VALCKE:

At this time I would like to introduce Jan Valcke, VASCO's President and Chief Operating Officer. Jan and his team are doing a great job executing our business plan. I know all of you want to hear more from Jan. Jan.

#### COMMENTS BY JAN:

Thank you, Ken.

2003 was a very special year for VASCO. Even a historical year.

Three issues made it a challenging year on the business level.

The first issue was the fact that a lot of operational issues had to be solved during the year 2003. Solving these problems absorbed a lot of the management team's energy and bandwidth. The second issue was the worldwide economical crisis. The third issue was the low dollar price.

Despite all those difficulties, VASCO succeeded in being profitable throughout the year. VASCO has fought hard to win its place in midst of the leading - and flourishing - companies in its sector.

We can clearly state that the focus on authentication works! Authentication is our core business and we are extremely good at it. We achieved profitability and the 572 new customers we won during 2003 prove that claim.

VASCO shows a clear dedication to R&D.

During 2003 we launched over 15 new products, such as Digipass Go3, Digipass 260, 560, 580 and Digipass Authentication Server. In addition, VASCO has invested in the maturity of its existing products, for example by adding the new AES algorithm to its Digipass Products.

This is all I will say about 2003. It was a good year, but it is the past.

2004 is our current focus. In 2004, we will go further in optimising VASCO's internal and external structure, procedures, and costs. This does not only mean that we will solely concentrate on cost cutting. VASCO will invest to grow in specific areas, where we are convinced that we can gain substantial market share and become even more profitable. The opening of our North American sales and support headquarters in Boston is a first important step. For a company like VASCO it is very important to have a physical presence in the northeast of the United States. We have a large number of customers and prospects on the east coast and it is of utmost importance to continue our expansion and provide our customers and partners with the highest level of support. I am convinced that our Boston office will prove to be successful.

I am also convinced that VASCO will prove to be successful throughout 2004. We have state of the art products, the right market vision and, above all, great people.

Thank you very much and I am looking forward to speaking to you again in three months time.

INTRODUCE CLIFF BOWN:

At this time I would like to turn the call over to Cliff Bown, our Chief Financial Officer.

CLIFF:

Thank you Ken.

Before we review the results in detail, I would like to remind everyone that, with the sale of the VACMAN Enterprise business unit in the third quarter, all activity related to it, including the results of its operations, the gain on the sale of the unit and the costs associated with the sale of the unit have been reported as discontinued operations. As a result, prior periods have been restated, and the amounts reported as revenues, gross profits, and operating expenses include only those items related to continuing operations.

As many of you may have seen in our press release, revenues from continuing operations were \$6.2 million for the quarter and \$22.9 million for the full year ended December 31, 2003.

The revenues for the quarter were \$2.8 million or 83% higher than the fourth quarter of 2002. The increase in revenue reflected significant increases from both the Banking and Corporate Network Access markets.

Revenues for the full year ended December 31, 2003 were \$5.5 million or 32% higher than the same period of the prior year. This increase is also attributable to growth in both markets. Revenues for the full year ended December 31, 2003

from the Banking segment increased approximately 22% over 2002 and revenues from the Corporate Network Access market increased by more than 75% compared to the prior year.

As suggested by the differences in the year-over-year growth rates, the mix of our revenues between our target markets, Banking and Corporate Network Access, continues to change. In 2003, approximately 75% of our revenues for the fourth quarter and full year came from the Banking segment with the remaining 25% coming from Corporate Network Access. In 2002, approximately 82% of our revenues came from Banking with the remaining 18% coming from Corporate Network Access. We believe that the higher growth rate in revenues for the Corporate Network Access market reflects the growth in our distributors, resellers and solution partners.

The geographic distribution of our revenues has not changed significantly over the last year. For the full year 2003, 84% of our revenue was from Europe, 7% from the U.S. and 9% from other countries, primarily, Asia Pacific and Australia. In 2002, 84% of our revenues were from Europe, with 8% from the U.S. and from 7% other countries.

The gross margin rate for the fourth quarter of 2003 was 63.2% compared to 63.9% in 2002 and the rate for the full year ended December 31, 2003 was 60.6% compared to 58.8% for the full year ended December 31, 2002. The margin rates in the fourth quarter of 2003 and 2002 were generally comparable with the benefit from a stronger Euro being offset by a change in the mix of the revenues within the banking segment. The improvement in the gross margin for full year ended December 31, 2003 as compared to full year 2002 was primarily related to two factors; the increase in Corporate Network Access revenues as a percentage of total revenue, which as previously noted increased from 18% in 2002 to 25% in 2003, and the stronger Euro.

Operating expenses for the fourth quarter of 2003 were \$3.5 million, a reduction of \$627 thousand or 15% from the fourth quarter of 2002. Operating expenses for the full year ended December 31, 2003 were \$12.7 million, a reduction of \$2.2 million or 15% from the same period of 2002.

The reductions in expense in the fourth quarter were primarily related to adjustments to restructuring reserves recorded in the fourth quarter of 2002 of \$320 thousand and a reduction in general and administrative expenses of approximately \$425 thousand. Reductions in general and administrative were achieved in a broad group of expenses including, but not limited to, services purchased from outside parties, rent, bad debts, travel and telephone which were partially offset by increased legal expenses, in part attributable to the defense of the Company's patents associated with the ActivCard litigation.

The reduction in expense for the full year were due, in large part to the issues previously noted for the fourth quarter, but also reflected reductions in sales and marketing expenses as well as in research and development expenses. The reduction in sales and marketing expenses was primarily attributable to reduced spending on trade shows, advertising, and travel. The reductions in R&D expenses reflected the benefit from consolidating a number of our research facilities in 2002 and reduced spending for third party services. The reductions in both the fourth quarter and full year 2003 were partially offset by an increase in the value of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar.

As noted in previous conference calls, with approximately 60% of our operating expenses in Euros, the strengthening of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar adversely affects operating expenses. For the fourth quarter and full year 2003, the Euro, compared to the U.S. dollar, was approximately 20% stronger than in the same periods of 2002. As noted in previous calls, we attempt to balance our currency exposure in expenses by denominating a portion of our sales in Euros.

Operating expenses in the fourth quarter of 2003 included a nominal amount of non-cash compensation expense and included depreciation and amortization expenses of \$244 thousand. For the full year ended December 31, 2003, operating expenses included \$41 thousand of non-cash compensation expense and \$1.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense.

For the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company reported an income tax benefit of \$92 thousand. The benefit reflects the impact of finalizing the 2002 tax return and updating the tax provision for actual full-year 2003 results. For the full year 2003, the Company income tax expense of \$397 thousand. The expense reflects the strong performance of the Belgium operating subsidiary and the use of all of its net operating loss carry forwards. Tax expense for the full year ended December 31, 2002 was \$140 thousand. There was no tax expense reported for the fourth quarter of 2002.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA or operating cash flow if you will) from continuing operations was \$348 thousand for the fourth quarter of 2003, an improvement of \$1.95 million from the fourth quarter of 2002. For the full year ended December 31, 2003, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization from continuing operations was \$2.3 million, an improvement of \$5.8 million from the comparable period in 2002.

Excluding, non-cash compensation, the make-up of our expenses for the quarter were sales and marketing expense of \$2.4 million, R&D expense of \$0.2 million, and general administrative expenses of \$0.9 million. Amounts reported for sales and marketing and R&D reflect a reclassification of approximately \$420 thousand of expense from R&D to sales and marketing. The reclassification of expense was made to report the activities in our Australian operations on a basis consistent with other subsidiaries. The make-up of our expense for the full year ended December 31, 2003, excluding non-cash compensation, were sales and marketing expenses of \$7.0 million, R&D expenses of \$2.3 million, and general administrative expenses of \$3.4 million.

The current makeup of our workforce is 73 people worldwide with 46 in sales and marketing, 16 in research and development and 11 in general and administrative.

I would now like to make a few comments on the balance sheet. I am sure that as you have followed us through the year that you have notice the substantial improvement in the balance sheet. As a result of our strong operating performance, which includes four consecutive quarters of profitability and positive operating cash flows, and transactions closed in the third quarter, such as the \$8 million equity financing and the repurchase of the Series C Preferred Stock from Ubizen, we have strengthened the balance sheet substantially in 2003. The balance sheet at December 31, 2003 reflects:

Higher cash balances: The Company had \$4.8 million of cash at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$2.2 million from the \$2.6 million at December 31, 2002. Lower days sales outstanding in receivables: We have decreased our DSO from 73 days at December 31, 2002 to 37 days at the end of 2003.

No debt: All term debt has been repaid.

Increased working capital: Working capital increased approximately \$5.8 million, from a deficit of \$0.6 million at the end of 2002 to a surplus of 5.2 million at the end of 2003. The corresponding current ratio has improved from a deficit of .93 to a positive 2.18.

Increased stockholders' equity: Stockholders' equity has increased \$6.1 million or over 200% from \$2.8 million at December 31, 2002 to \$8.9 million at the end of 2003. The Company continues to maintain its line of credit for up to 2 million Euros that is secured by its receivables. There were no borrowings against the line as of December 31, 2003.

Finally, I would also like to comment on the statement in our press release related to revising our third quarter results and filing an amendment to the third quarter 10-Q. The underlying issue relates to the beneficial conversion option included in our Series D Convertible Preferred Stock. Under EITF 98-5: Accounting for Convertible Securities with Beneficial Conversion Features, we were required to compute the fair value of the beneficial conversion option and report the value of the option as a deemed dividend. In the 10-Q currently on file, in accordance with the EITF, we computed the value of the conversion option, disclosed its fair value in the footnotes and reflected the dividend in the stockholders' equity section of the balance sheet. We did not, however, report the amount of the deemed dividend on the face of the income statement or include the dividend in the calculation of earnings per common share. As noted in the press release, the amount of the deemed dividend was \$3.7 million and the third quarter 10Q will be amended to reflect the deemed dividend as a reduction in earnings per common share for the quarter and nine months ended

September 30, 2003. The adjustment will reduce earnings per share as previously reported by \$0.12 per share. It is important to note that the deemed dividend is a non-cash charge. It did not and will not affect the operating results reported by the Company. The correction being made is to conform the Company's reporting to comply fully with EITF 98-5.

Now, I would like to turn the meeting back to Ken

Comments on First Quarter and Full-Year 2004 - Ken Hunt

We would like to comment now on 1st quarter and Full-Year 2004. With a successful 2003 behind us, we are optimistic about 1st quarter and full year 2004. Our programs and actions that we described earlier are producing the results that we had expected. We currently have firm orders with shipments scheduled for the 1st quarter of approximately \$5.2 million. Any new orders received before quarter's end and shipped during the quarter would be additive to this number. The Company further expects to achieve full-year revenue growth of 15-25% in 2004 as compared to 2003. We also expect to achieve Gross Margins in the 50-60% range, and Operating Income in the 4-10% range. Our DSO's have improved from 73 days at the end of 2002 to 37 days most recently. Going forward, we expect our DSO's to range from approximately 45 to 55 days.

As far as quarterly guidance is concerned, we do not feel it is yet appropriate. Our business is becoming more predictable over the horizon of 12 months, but remains somewhat uneven due to the impact of some very large orders and general seasonality, including holidays or vacations in the 3rd quarter of each year. As a result we expect that the growth in some quarters will be lower than the full-year ranges while others will exceed the range. Should our expectations change for the full year, we will advise you in a timely manner.

In summary, we are pleased with what we accomplished in 2003. We will not, however, rest on our laurels and be satisfied with past performance as a measurement of our future achievements. You can rely on VASCO's people to do their very best, always!

Q&A SESSION:

This concludes our presentations today and we will now open the call for questions. Operator