

VIASAT INC  
Form S-8  
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Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED STATES  
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 No.)

**6155 El Camino Real  
Carlsbad, California 92009  
(760) 476-2200**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**ViaSat, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan**  
(Full Title of the Plan)

**Keven K. Lippert, Esq.**  
**Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**  
**ViaSat, Inc.**  
**6155 El Camino Real**  
**Carlsbad, California 92009**  
**(760) 476-2200**  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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**(858) 523-5400**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered (1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value	1,000,000 shares	\$23.54(2)	\$23,540,000.00	\$1,313.53

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered and sold pursuant to the ViaSat, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "401(k) Plan").
- (2) The Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share has been estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. The computation is based upon the average of the high and low prices of ViaSat, Inc. common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on May 28, 2009, because the offering price of the securities to be granted in the future is not currently determinable.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This registration statement on Form S-8 is filed by ViaSat, Inc. ( ViaSat ) to register (1) 250,000 shares of common stock of ViaSat that may be contributed to the 401(k) Plan by ViaSat in satisfaction of its company matching contribution obligations under the 401(k) Plan, which shares will be newly-issued shares, (2) an additional 750,000 shares of common stock of ViaSat that may be offered and sold to employees under the 401(k) Plan, which shares will be purchased by the 401(k) Plan on the open market, and (3) an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered and sold pursuant to the 401(k) Plan.

**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.

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

ViaSat hereby incorporates the following documents in this registration statement by reference:

- (a) ViaSat's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 3, 2009 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on May 28, 2009;
- (b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) since the end of the fiscal year covered by ViaSat's Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to in clause (a) above; and
- (c) The description of ViaSat common stock set forth in ViaSat's registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on November 20, 1996, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents filed by ViaSat pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the filing of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which de-registers all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents, except as to specific sections of such statements as set forth therein. 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 other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement contained herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or 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 a part of this registration statement.

Under no circumstances shall any information furnished under Item 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.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not Applicable.

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**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Our officers and directors are covered by certain provisions of the Delaware General Corporation 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 Exhibit Index on page 6 is incorporated herein by reference as the list of exhibits required as part 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;

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(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 reports filed with or furnished to the SEC 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 SEC 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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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that the registrant 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 June 2, 2009.

**ViaSat, Inc.**

By: /s/ Mark D. Dankberg  
 Mark D. Dankberg  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Mark D. Dankberg and Keven K. Lippert, jointly and severally, his attorneys-in-fact, each with the full power of substitution, for him in any and all capacities, to sign this registration statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), and to file the same, with all 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 his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Mark D. Dankberg	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	June 2, 2009
Mark D. Dankberg	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Ronald G. Wangerin	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	June 2, 2009
Ronald G. Wangerin	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Robert W. Johnson	Director	June 2, 2009
Robert W. Johnson		
/s/ B. Allen Lay	Director	June 2, 2009
B. Allen Lay		
/s/ Jeffrey M. Nash	Director	June 2, 2009
Jeffrey M. Nash		
/s/ John P. Stenbit	Director	June 2, 2009
John P. Stenbit		
/s/ Michael B. Targoff	Director	June 2, 2009



Michael B. Targoff

/s/ Harvey P. White

Director

June 2, 2009

Harvey P. White

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Plan Administrator of the ViaSat, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan 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 June 2, 2009.

ViaSat, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

By: /s/ Keven K. Lippert

ViaSat, Inc., as Plan Administrator

By: Keven K. Lippert  
Vice President and General  
Counsel

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>	<b>Incorporated by Reference</b>				<b>Filed Herewith</b>
		<b>Form</b>	<b>File No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	
5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP					X
5.2	Copy of Internal Revenue Service Opinion Letter Regarding Qualification of the ViaSat, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code.					X
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP					X
23.2	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)					X
24.1	Power of Attorney (see signature page)					X