

ANTIGENICS INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**January 14, 2009**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**ANTIGENICS INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**  
**(State or other jurisdiction)**

**000-29089**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**06-1562417**  
**(IRS Employer)**

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of incorporation)

Identification No.)

**3 Forbes Rd.**

**Lexington, MA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**781-674-4400**

**02421**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On January 14, 2009, in an effort to conserve cash resources of Antigenics Inc. (the Company), the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors and Dr. Garo H. Armen, Chairman and CEO of the Company, agreed that for the foreseeable future and effective February 1, 2009, Dr. Armen would receive 30% of his base salary in unrestricted shares of Common Stock of the Company and 70% of his base salary in cash. The stock payment is payable monthly in arrears on the first day of each month based on the prior month's average closing price of the Company's stock.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**ANTIGENICS INC.**

Date: January 21, 2009

By: /s/ Shalini Sharp  
Shalini Sharp  
Chief Financial Officer