

ANTIGENICS INC /DE/  
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Registration No. 333-156556

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 18**

**5,929,212 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK**

**ANTIGENICS INC.**

This prospectus supplement amends the prospectus dated March 18, 2009 (as supplemented on April 15, 2009, April 17, 2009, April 22, 2009, April 27, 2009, May 4, 2009, May 11, 2009, May 27, 2009, June 4, 2009, June 8, 2009, June 9, 2009, June 11, 2009, June 15, 2009, July 7, 2009, July 15, 2009, August 3, 2009, August 5, 2009, and September 11, 2009) that relates to the issuance of up to 5,929,212 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( "common stock" ), issuable upon the conversion of 5,250 shares of Series B2 Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( "Series B2 Convertible Preferred Stock" ). If the shares of Series B2 Convertible Preferred Stock are converted through payment of cash consideration, if at all, we will receive the cash from such conversion.

This prospectus supplement is being filed to include the information set forth in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 18, 2009, which is set forth below. This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the prospectus dated March 18, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 1 dated April 15, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 2 dated April 17, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 3 dated April 22, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 4 dated April 27, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 5 dated May 4, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 6 dated May 11, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 7 dated May 27, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 8 dated June 4, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 9 dated June 8, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 10 dated June 9, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 11 dated June 11, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 12 dated June 15, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 13 dated July 7, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 14 dated July 15, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 15 dated August 3, 2009, Prospectus Supplement No. 16 dated August 5, 2009, and Prospectus Supplement No. 17 dated September 11, 2009, which are to be delivered with this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is quoted on The NASDAQ Capital Market ( "NASDAQ" ) under the ticker symbol AGEN. On September 16, 2009, the last reported closing price per share of our common stock was \$2.04 per share.

**Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before investing in any of our securities, you should read the discussion of material risks in investing in our common stock. See "Risk Factors" on page 1 of the prospectus.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 18 IS SEPTEMBER 18, 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**

**September 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**

**of incorporation)**

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

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

**Identification No.)**

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**3 Forbes Road**

**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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01 Entry into a material definitive agreement**

On September 14, 2009, Antigenics Inc. ( Antigenics ) entered into an Amended and Restated License Agreement (the Agreement ) with Elan Pharma International Limited, a private company organized under the laws of Ireland, and Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (together Elan ), which terminates a supply agreement dated November 23, 1999 and supersedes, amends and restates a license agreement, also dated November 23, 1999, between the parties (together the Prior Agreements ). Under the terms of the Prior Agreements, Elan had the right to develop, make, have made, use, sell, offer for sale, import, and have sold, the Licensed Product (as defined) for the prevention or treatment of Alzheimer s disease, and Antigenics had the exclusive right and obligation to supply Elan with QS-21 Stimuloff<sup>®</sup> adjuvant for use in Licensed Product.

Effective September 17, 2009, Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy acquired substantially all of the assets and rights of Elan s Alzheimer s Immunotherapy Program. Under the terms of the Agreement assigned to Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy, the company will have the right to develop, make, have made, use, sell, offer for sale, import, and have sold, the Licensed Product for the prevention or treatment of Alzheimer s disease. In addition, Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy will have the right to make and have made QS-21 for use in Licensed Product for the prevention or treatment of Alzheimer s disease, and Antigenics will have no further supply obligations.

As consideration, Antigenics will be entitled to receive an upfront payment and payments contingent upon successful milestone achievements. In addition, Antigenics will be entitled to receive royalties on a country-by-country basis on net sales of Licensed Product for a period of at least 10 years after first commercial sale in that country.

**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: September 18, 2009

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