FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/
Form 8-K
December 23, 2008

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 23, 2008

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-16715	56-1528994
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
4300 Six Forks Road Raleigh, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)		27609 (Zip 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:

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

Item 8.01. Other events

Registrant previously announced its plan to merge its two wholly-owned banking subsidiaries First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company and IronStone Bank.
At this time, Registrant has delayed any further action related to the merger of those two entities.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: December 23, 2008

By: /s/ KENNETH A. BLACK
Kenneth A. Black

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer