

ANTIGENICS INC /DE/
Form 8-K
December 15, 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**

December 15, 2008

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

Effective December 15, 2008, Peter Thornton resigned from the Board of Directors of Antigenics Inc. due to potential conflicts of interest regarding Antigenics and Elan Pharma International Limited.

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: December 15, 2008

By: /s/ Garo H. Armen
Garo H. Armen, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer