

SONOSITE INC
Form 8-K
April 24, 2008

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

April 22, 2008

Date of Report
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

SONOSITE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Washington
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-23791
(Commission
File No.)

91-1405022
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

21919 30th Drive S.E., Bothell, Washington 98021-3904
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(425) 951-1200
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

None
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e4(c))

Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Item 1.01

On April 22, 2008, the Board of Directors of SonoSite, Inc. (the "Company"), upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, met and approved, effective immediately, a new cash and equity compensation package for the Company's non-employee members of the Board. The cash compensation component is effective May 1, 2008 and the equity compensation component is effective immediately. The respective components of the program are as follows:

<u>Role</u>	<u>Compensation Element</u>	<u>Former Compensation</u>	<u>Current Compensation</u>
Board Member	Annual Retainer	\$20,000	\$30,000
	Per Meeting Fee (in person)	\$1,000 per meeting series	\$1,000 per meeting series
	Per Meeting Fee (by phone)	\$500 per day	\$1,000 per day
Lead Independent/Chair	Additional Annual Retainer	\$20,000	\$30,000
Committee Chairman	Annual Retainer		
	Audit	\$10,000	\$15,000
	Compensation	\$6,000	\$10,000
	Corporate Governance	\$2,000	\$5,000
	Innovation & Technology	\$2,000	\$5,000
	Mergers & Acquisitions	\$0	\$5,000
	Financing	\$0	\$5,000
Committee Member	Annual Retainer		
	Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Compensation	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Corporate Governance	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Innovation & Technology	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Mergers & Acquisitions	\$0	\$1,000
	Financing	\$0	\$1,000

The Company pays meeting fees monthly for any meetings held each month, as well as the annual retainers in 12 monthly installments.

Formerly, Directors were eligible to receive options to purchase shares of our common stock under our 1998 Stock Option Plan, or 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ("2005 Plan"). Each nonemployee director, including the Chairman, automatically received an option to purchase 15,000 shares of our common stock on the date of his or her initial election or appointment as director. Each nonemployee director, including the Chairman, thereafter received an option to purchase 10,000 shares of our common stock immediately following the next year's annual meeting of shareholders and each annual meeting of shareholders thereafter for as long as the director served on our board.

Under the new compensation package, Directors will receive restricted stock units ("RSUs") under our 2005 Plan. Each nonemployee director, including the Chairman, will automatically receive 5,000 RSUs on the date of his or her initial election or appointment as director. Each nonemployee director, including the Chairman, thereafter will receive 5,000 RSUs immediately following the next year's annual meeting of shareholders and each annual meeting of shareholders thereafter for as long as the director serves on our board. All RSU grants will vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the date of grant over a three year period, assuming a director's continued service on our board of directors during that time.

As before, directors who are employed by the Company will receive no additional compensation for their services rendered as directors of the Company.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, SonoSite, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONOSITE, INC.

Dated: April 24, 2008

By: /s/ MICHAEL J. SCHUH

Michael J. Schuh
Chief Financial Officer
