

CHENIERE ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
January 13, 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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2009**

**CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**1-16383**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-4352386**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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700 Milam Street

Suite 800

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77002

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 375-5000

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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.**

*Executive Compensation*

On January 7, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the Company) approved a cash bonus payment for certain executive officers of the Company with respect to the year ended December 31, 2008 (the 2008 Bonus Amount). The following table sets forth the 2008 Bonus Amount for the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement filed in 2008 who remain employees of the Company.

<b>Executive Officer</b>	<b>2008 Bonus Amount</b>
Charif Souki	\$ 450,000
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President	
Zurab S. Kobiashvili	\$ 175,000

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

In addition, on January 7, 2009, Zurab S. Kobiashvili, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Company, announced that he would retire from the Company effective January 31, 2009.

**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.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

Date: January 13, 2009

By: /s/ Anne V. Vaughan  
Name: Anne V. Vaughan  
Title: Corporate Secretary