
**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 15, 2006

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.)

717 Texas Avenue
Suite 3100
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 659-1361

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):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors' Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.*Election of Director*

On December 15, 2006, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the "Company") elected Mr. John M. Deutch as a director and to serve as a member of the Board's Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, as well as the Section 162(m) Subcommittee of the Company's Compensation Committee. Mr. Deutch was granted 25,000 fully vested stock options with a term of ten years. The exercise price of the stock options is \$28.22, the closing price of the Company's common stock as reported on the American Stock Exchange on the date of grant. In addition, Mr. Deutch will receive compensation of \$50,000 for the term of service from December 15, 2006 through May 2007, payable in 2,362 shares of the Company's restricted stock. The number of shares of restricted was determined based on the closing price of the Company's common stock as reported on the American Stock Exchange on December 15, 2006 (the "Date of Grant"), discounted by 25%. Vesting will occur for one-third of the restricted shares on each anniversary of the Date of Grant beginning on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant.

A summary of the compensation awarded to Mr. Deutch is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1, which is incorporated by reference. On December 15, 2006, the Company issued a press release regarding the election of Mr. Deutch as a new director, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Summary of Compensation to Non-Employee Director (filed herewith)
99.1	Press Release, dated December 15, 2006 (filed herewith)

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.

Date: December 20, 2006

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Don A. Turkleson
Name: Don A. Turkleson
Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Summary of Compensation to Non-Employee Directors

On December 15, 2006 (the "Grant Date"), Mr. John M. Deutch was elected as a director of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the "Company") and was granted 25,000 fully vested stock options with a term of ten years. The exercise price of the stock options is the closing price of the Company's common stock as reported on the American Stock Exchange on the Grant Date or \$28.22. In addition, Mr. Deutch received compensation for the term of service from December 15, 2006 through May 2006 of \$50,000, payable in 2,362 shares of the Company's restricted stock.

CHENIERE ENERGY INC. NEWS RELEASE

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Cheniere Energy Elects John M. Deutch to Board of Directors

Houston, Texas December 15, 2006 – Cheniere Energy, Inc. (AMEX: LNG) announced today that John M. Deutch has been elected to its Board of Directors.

John Deutch is an Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has been a member of the MIT faculty since 1970. He serves as director for Citigroup, Cummins, Raytheon and Schlumberger Ltd. Mr. Deutch has served in significant government posts throughout his career including Director of Energy Research and Undersecretary of the US Department of Energy, Undersecretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Director of Central Intelligence. In addition, he has authored over 140 technical publications. Mr. Deutch earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics from Amherst College, and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from M.I.T.

Cheniere's Chairman and CEO, Charif Souki, said, "Mr. Deutch is a welcome addition to our board of directors. His wealth of experience as an educator, thought leader and government policy author will be an excellent resource to our organization. His expertise in technology, innovation, national security and international affairs will greatly complement Cheniere's business model as we continue to articulate the important role of LNG in US domestic energy supply. "

Cheniere is developing a network of three, 100% owned LNG receiving terminals and related natural gas pipelines along the Gulf Coast of the United States. The three terminals will have an aggregate send-out capacity of 9.9 billion cubic feet per day. Cheniere is pursuing related LNG business opportunities both upstream and downstream of the terminals. Cheniere is also the founder and holds a 30% limited partner interest in a fourth LNG receiving terminal.

Cheniere is based in Houston, Texas, with offices in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, and Paris, France. Additional information about Cheniere may be found on the company's web site at www.cheniere.com.

This press release contains certain statements that may include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included herein are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forward-looking statements" are, among other things, (i) statements regarding Cheniere's business strategy, plans and objectives and (ii) statements expressing beliefs and expectations regarding the development of Cheniere's LNG receiving terminal business. Although Cheniere believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, they do involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Cheniere's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed in Cheniere's periodic reports that are filed with and available from the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Other than as required under the securities laws, Cheniere does not assume a duty to update these forward-looking statements.

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