

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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**

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**CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

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

**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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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))

**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.

| <u>Executive Officer</u>  | <u>2008 Bonus Amount</u> |
|---|--------------------------|
| Charif Souki<br>Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President   | \$ 450,000               |
| Zurab S. Kobiashvili<br>Senior Vice President and General Counsel | \$ 175,000               |

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.

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**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