

ANTIGENICS INC /DE/

Form 8-K

March 12, 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**

March 12, 2009

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ANTIGENICS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

000-29089

06-1562417

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number) Identification No.)

3 Forbes Road

Lexington, MA

02421

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip
Code)

781-674-4400

(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):

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 12, 2009, Antigenics Inc. announced that Oncophage[®] (vitespen) has been granted a positive recommendation for orphan drug designation for the treatment of glioma by the Committee for Orphan Medical Products of the European Medicines Agency. This designation provides Antigenics with, among other benefits, 10 years of potential market exclusivity if the product is approved for marketing in the European Union.

The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated March 12, 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.

ANTIGENICS INC.

Date: March 12, 2009 By: /s/ Garo H. Armen

Garo H. Armen
Chairman and CEO

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated March 12, 2009