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FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ Form 8-K October 30, 2008

# 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) October 30, 2008

# First Citizens BancShares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delawa</b> (State or other ju of incorpora	rrisdiction (Commission File Number)	56-1528994 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
	4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant's telephone number, including area code:	27609 (Zip Code) : (919) 716-7000
	(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)	
any of the following provi [ ] Written [ ] Solicitin [ ] Pre-com	s below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisions: communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of the material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 under the communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the material communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the material rule 13e-4(c) under the rule 14e-4(c) under the rule 14e-4(c	(17 CFR 230.425) 7 CFR 240.14a-12) the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 30, 2008, Registrant issued the attached press release announcing its plan to merge its two wholly-owned banking subsidiaries First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company and IronStone Bank.

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#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed with this Report:

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

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Copy of press release dated October 30, 2008

## **SIGNATURE**

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

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	First Citizens BancShares, Inc.
	(Registrant)
October 30, 2008	/s/ KENNETH A. BLACK
(Date)	Kenneth A. Black
	Vice President