UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

FORM 8-K

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 21,2005

INVITROGEN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 0-25317 (Commission File Number) 33-0373077 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

1600 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

92008 (Zip Code)

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Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Section 1 - Registrant s Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Chief Executive Officer Compensation. On April 21, 2005, at a meeting of the Compensation and Organization Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the Committee), the Committee approved an increase in the base salary of Mr. Gregory T. Lucier, the Company s Chief Executive Officer. Specifically, effective as of April 25, 2005, Mr. Lucier s new base salary was set by the Committee at \$875,000. The Committee also approved a lump sum cash bonus, in the amount of \$23,077, to be paid to Mr. Lucier, which represents the unpaid increase in base salary from January 1, 2005 through April 25, 2005.

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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.

	Invitrogen Corporation
Date April 25, 2005	(Registrant)
	/s/ David F. Hoffmeister
	David F. Hoffmeister
	Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer