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) February 17, 2006

PHOENIX TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-17111 (Commission File Number) 04-2685985 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

915 Murphy Ranch Road, Milpitas, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95035

(Zip Code)

 $Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code \ (408) \ 570\text{-}1000$

Not Applicable

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

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 17, 2006, Phoenix Technologies Ltd. (the Company) entered into a severance and change of control agreement (Severance Agreement) with Kort van Bronkhorst, the Company s Vice President of Corporate Marketing. The term of the Severance Agreement is three years.

The Severance Agreement for Mr. van Bronkhorst provides that in the event of the termination of his employment by the Company for any reason other than cause, death, disability or a change of control, the Company will continue to pay him for a severance period of six months following such termination. The severance amount to be paid to Mr. van Bronkhorst will be at a monthly rate equal to his monthly base salary then in effect. The Company will also provide Mr. van Bronkhorst with his then current medical, dental and vision benefits for a period of six months following termination. In addition, the vested portion of any stock options held by Mr. van Bronkhorst as of the termination date will remain exercisable for six months following termination.

In the event of the termination of Mr. van Bronkhorst s employment within two months prior to or twelve months following a change of control of the Company, and such termination is (i) by the Company for any reason other than cause, death or disability or (ii) by Mr. van Bronkhorst for good reason, the Company will pay Mr. van Bronkhorst the severance and benefits described above. In addition, 50% of his unvested stock options and restricted stock will vest immediately upon termination.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 10.1 Severance and Change of Control Agreement dated February 17, 2006 between Phoenix Technologies Ltd. and Kort van Bronkhorst.

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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.

PHOENIX TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

By: /s/ Scott C. Taylor Scott C. Taylor

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

Date: February 24, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

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