

CHENIERE ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
January 11, 2007

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): January 5, 2007

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-16383
(Commission File Number)

95-4352386
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

717 Texas Avenue

Suite 3100

Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 659-1361

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Executive Compensation

After a review of performance and competitive market data, on January 5, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the Company) approved base salary increases for the CEO and other executive officers of the Company effective as of January 1, 2007. The annual base salary for Charif Souki, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, was increased to \$577,500. The annual base salary for Stanley C. Horton, President and Chief Operating Officer, was increased to \$446,250. The annual base salary for each of the Company's Vice Chairman and Senior Vice Presidents was increased to \$262,500.

In addition, the Compensation Committee approved a bonus payment for executive officers with respect to the year ended December 31, 2006 (the 2006 Bonus Amount). The 2006 Bonus Amount will be paid in restricted shares of the Company's common stock to be issued on January 12, 2007 (the Date of Grant). The number of restricted shares to be issued will be determined based on a 25% discount to the closing price of the Company's common stock as reported on the American Stock Exchange on the Date of Grant. Vesting will occur for one-third of the restricted shares on each anniversary of the Date of Grant beginning on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant.

A summary of the compensation to be paid to the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer and the other executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in our Proxy Statement filed in 2006 is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Form of Equity Grant Agreements

On January 5, 2007, the Compensation Committee approved the form of grant agreements that may be used periodically by the Company for grants of non-qualified stock options and restricted stock under the Cheniere Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan. The form of grant agreements are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

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10.2	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Grant for Employees and Consultants (three-year vesting) under the Cheniere Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan (filed herewith)
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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 11, 2007

By: /s/ Don A. Turkleson
Name: Don A. Turkleson
Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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