ATHEROGENICS INC Form 8-K April 01, 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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 1, 2009

ATHEROGENICS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Georgia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-31261 (Commission

File Number)

58-2108232 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

8995 Westside Parkway Alpharetta, GA 30009 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (678) 336-2500

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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

(b) On April 1, 2009, R. Wayne Alexander, Samuel L. Barker and Margaret E. Grayson resigned from the board of directors of AtheroGenics, Inc. (the "Company") and their related committee appointments.

In addition, with the completion of the sale of the Company's assets, on April 1, 2009 the Company announced the involuntary separation of Russell M. Medford, Mark P. Colonnese, Joseph M. Gaynor, Jr. and W. Charles Montgomery (the "Named Executive Officers") from their positions as officers of the Company.

(c) The Company also appointed Charles A. Deignan, 44, as its President, Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Deignan, who had previously served as the Company's Vice President of Finance and Administration and Principal Accounting Officer, will oversee the wind down of the Company through the conclusion of the bankruptcy process.

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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.

ATHEROGENICS, INC.

Date: April 1, 2009

By: CHARLES A. DEIGNAN Charles A. Deignan President and Secretary and Chief Financial Officer