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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 <u>FORM 8-K</u> CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 1, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ANTIGENICS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE000-2908906-1562417(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

630 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2100 New York, NY 10111

10111

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

212-994-8200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 1, 2005, the Board of Directors of Antigenics Inc. (the Company) ratified the recommendation of the Compensation Committee and appointed Bruce Leicher, Vice-President General Counsel. In connection with the appointment, Mr. Leicher entered into an Employment Agreement with the company effective November 28, 2005. The full text of the agreement is filed as an exhibit to this current report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

10.1 Employment agreement dated November 28, 2005 between Antigenics Inc. and Bruce Leicher

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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.

ANTIGENICS INC.

Date: December 2, 2005 By: /s/ Garo H. Armen

Garo H. Armen, Ph.D. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

Employment agreement dated November 28, 2005 between Antigenics Inc. and Bruce Leicher