

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 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): **February 24, 2009**

**RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-29889**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-3248524**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1180 Veterans Boulevard**

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South San Francisco, CA 94080

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 624-1100**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - 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 2.02.**

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On February 24, 2009, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announced certain financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of Rigel's press release, entitled "Rigel Announces Fourth Quarter and Year End 2008 Financial Results," is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated February 24, 2009, entitled "Rigel Announces Fourth Quarter and Year End 2008 Financial Results."

The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission made by Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**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.

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Dated: February 24, 2009

By: */s/ Dolly A. Vance*  
Dolly A. Vance  
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary*

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