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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): November 10, 2008

Athersys, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33876 20-4864095

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number)

Incorporation)

3201 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2634

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

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 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))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 10, 2008, Athersys, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2008. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description 99.1 Press Release dated November 10, 2008

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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.

Date: November 10, 2008

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Laura K. Campbell</u>
Name: Laura K. Campbell
Title: Vice President, Finance

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Exhibit No. Exhibit Description 99.1 Press Release dated November 10, 2008

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