

CHENIERE ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 2012

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 24, 2012  
CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware   | 1-16383                  | 95-4352386                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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| 700 Milam Street<br>Suite 800<br>Houston, Texas | 77002      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)        | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 375-5000

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

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

On January 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a 2.5% base salary increase for the executive officers of the Company effective January 16, 2012. In addition, pursuant to the 2011 - 2013 Bonus Plan, the Compensation Committee approved a bonus payment for each of the executive officers of the Company with respect to the year ended December 31, 2011, payable in cash. The following table sets forth the 2012 annual base salary and 2011 cash bonus award for the Company's executive officers, including the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer and the other executive officers who are named in the Summary Compensation Table in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement filed in 2011 and who remain employees of the Company.

2012 Annual Base Salary and 2011 Cash Bonus Award

| Executive Officer  | 2012 Annual Base Salary | 2011 Cash Bonus Award |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Charif Souki<br>Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President    | \$771,580               | \$2,326,900           |
| Meg A. Gentle<br>Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | \$292,370               | \$775,600             |
| Jean Abiteboul<br>Senior Vice President - International            | \$311,387               | \$581,700             |
| R. Keith Teague<br>Senior Vice President - Asset Group             | \$292,370               | \$581,700             |
| H. Davis Thames<br>Senior Vice President - Marketing               | \$292,370               | \$775,600             |

<sup>1</sup>Mr. Abiteboul's base salary is 245,560 EUR. The amount reported in the table represents the U.S. dollar equivalent based on the January 16, 2012 exchange rate of 1 USD to 0.7886 EUR.

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 30, 2012

By: /s/ Meg A. Gentle  
Name: Meg A. Gentle  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer