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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: APRIL 12, 2005

SPACEDEV, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

COLORADO 000-28947 84-1374613
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Number) Identification Number)

13855 STOWE DRIVE
POWAY, CALIFORNIA 92064
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 375-2030

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Effective April 12, 2005, as part of her continuing commitment to the Company, Susan C. Benson accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors of SpaceDev, Inc., bringing the total number of board members to 9, five of whom are independent directors.

Ms. Benson joined SpaceDev in 1997, serving as corporate secretary until 2003. From approximately 1998 to 2004, Ms. Benson was, in part, responsible for the Company's investor relations and public relations activities, managing SpaceDev's strategic messaging to build industry and media awareness as well as strengthening shareholder relations.

Prior to joining SpaceDev, Ms. Benson was the customer support manager for Compusearch Software Systems in McLean, Virginia from 1986 through 1995. Ms. Benson also served as secretary/treasurer of the Compusearch Software Systems Board of Directors.

Ms. Benson currently owns approximately 4.6 million shares of SpaceDev common stock and is currently the Company's largest stockholder.

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.

Dated as of April 12, 2005

SPACEDEV, INC.

By: /s/ Richard B. Slansky

Richard B. Slansky

President &
Chief Financial Officer