SPACEDEV, INC. Form 8-K October 15, 2008

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): October 10, 2008

SPACEDEV, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	000-28947	84-1374613
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer
of Incorporation)		Identification No.)

13855 Stowe Drive, Poway, California 92064 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (858) 375-2000

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))		

Item 5.02. Officer; Compensatory	Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Arrangements of Certain Officers.
Departure of a Director	
On October 10, 2008, J	ames W. ("Jim") Benson, SpaceDev's founder and a member of our Board of Directors, died.
Mr. Benson's death ledirectors.	aves ten SpaceDev directors in office: six independent directors and four non-independent
Item 9.01. Financial S	atements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.	
	99.1 Press Release of SpaceDev, Inc., dated October 10, 2008

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.

SPACEDEV, INC.

Date: October 14, 2008 By: /s/ Richard B. Slansky

Richard B. Slansky

President & Chief Financial Officer