AFFYMAX INC Form 8-K January 11, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 7, 2010

AFFYMAX, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-33213** (Commission File Number) 77-0579396 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4001 Miranda Avenue Palo Alto, California 94304

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (650) 812 -8700

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

On January 7, 2010, the Board of Directors of Affymax, Inc. approved (a) increases in annual base salaries for 2010, (b) cash performance bonuses for 2009, and (c) stock option grants pursuant to the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan for the following executive officers:

Name and Position	2010 Salary Increase	New 2010 Base Salary	Bonus	No of securities underlying options*
Arlene M. Morris, President and Chief Executive				
Officer	\$ 18,445	\$ 545,000	\$ 244,058	90,000
Anne-Marie Duliege, MD, MS, Chief Medical				
Officer	\$ 10,899	\$ 374,199	\$ 121,147	35,000
Paul B. Cleveland, Executive Vice President,				
Corporate Development and Chief Financial Officer	\$ 11,695	\$ 345,847	\$ 108,503	35,000
Robert Venteicher, Ph.D., Senior Vice President,				
Technical Operations	\$ 7,850	\$ 321,850	\$ 100,586	25,000
Steven Love, Vice President Finance and Chief				
Accounting Officer	\$ 7,417	\$ 254,665	\$ 68,129	15,000

^{*} The shares vest and become exercisable in a series of forty-eight (48) successive equal monthly installments over the four (4) year period measured from January 1, 2010. The stock options have an exercise price of \$24.50 per share, the closing price of the Company s Common Stock as reported by The NASDAQ Global Market on the date of grant.

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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.

AFFYMAX, INC.

Dated: January 11, 2010

By:

/s/ Grace U. Shin

Grace U. Shin General Counsel

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