

HENNESSY ADVISORS INC  
Form 8-K  
June 24, 2009

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**UNITED STATES**

**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) **June 24, 2009**

**HENNESSY ADVISORS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-49872**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**68-0176227**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**7250 Redwood Blvd., Suite 200**  
**Novato, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94945**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: **(415) 899-1555**

**Not Applicable**

(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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On June 24, 2009, Hennessy Advisors, Inc. (the Company) reached a definitive agreement with SPARX Investment & Research, USA, Inc. to acquire its assets related to the management of the SPARX Japan Fund and SPARX Japan Smaller Companies Fund (the SPARX Funds), each a series of SPARX Asia Funds. Pursuant to the proposed transaction, Hennessy Advisors will become the investment manager to the SPARX Funds, and the Hennessy Funds trustees will become the trustees of the SPARX Asia Funds. The SPARX Funds have approximately \$65 million in assets.

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The Company will pay for all costs associated with gaining approval of the shareholders of the SPARX Funds. The proposed transaction is also subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of SPARX Asia Funds. The transaction is expected to close by the end of September 2009.

A copy of the press release announcing the proposed transaction is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1           | Press Release      |

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**HENNESSY ADVISORS, INC.**  
(registrant)

June 24, 2009

By: /s/ Daniel B. Steadman  
Daniel B. Steadman  
Executive Vice President

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### **Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 24, 2009**

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release      |