ATLAS MINING CO Form 8-K December 17, 2008

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)

December 12, 2008

ATLAS MINING COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Idaho	000-31380	82-0096527
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission File	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation)	Number)	Identification No.)
1221 Yellowstone, Osburn,		83849
Idaho		
(Address of principal		(Zip Code)
executive offices)		

(208) 556-1181 Issuer's telephone number, including area code

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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240-14a-12)

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Item Other Events 8.01

On December 12, 2008, Ronald Price resigned as a director of Atlas Mining Company (the "Company") pursuant to the terms of a separation agreement (the "Agreement"). He was not an employee of the Company. He also resigned as an officer and director of Nano Clay & Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company that has been administratively dissolved. Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Price will render certain cooperation and services. Pursuant to the Agreement, until March 1, 2009, he will be paid amounts equal to the compensation under his employment agreement with Nano Clay & Technologies, Inc., which was terminated by the Agreement (at the rate of \$200,000 per year). For the period from March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010, he will be paid \$50,000, such amount to be paid in monthly installments of \$4,166.67.

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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.

ATLAS MINING COMPANY (Registrant)

Date: December 16, 2008 /s/ MICHAEL LYON

By: Michael Lyon

Chief Executive Officer and President