

Golden Minerals Co
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 8-K

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**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-13627
(Commission
File Number)

26-4413382
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 3050

Denver, Colorado 80203

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 839-5060**

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(e) *Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers*

On April 3, 2009, the board of directors of Golden Minerals Company (the Company) approved 2009 salary amounts for the Company's executive officers. The board of directors also implemented an annual incentive bonus plan which is similar to the plan that was used by Apex Silver Mines Limited, the Company's predecessor for purposes of reporting under U.S. federal securities laws (Apex Silver), and approved the target cash bonus amount that each officer may be eligible to receive based on his or her 2009 performance. The amount of each bonus payment will be determined in the discretion of the Compensation Committee and the board and will be based, among other things, on the Company's achievement of certain performance objectives, including certain capital raising and growth objectives, and control of general and administrative expenses. The salaries and cash bonus targets are consistent with amounts previously reported in Apex Silver's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

In addition, on April 3, 2009, the Company's board of directors granted shares of restricted common stock to the Company's executive officers pursuant to the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. One-half of the shares awarded to each officer will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date and one-half will vest on the second anniversary of the grant date, provided that the officer is employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date. The number of shares granted to each executive officer is set forth in the table below:

| Name | Title | Shares of Restricted Common Stock |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Jeffrey G. Clevenger | President, Chief Executive Officer | 95,000 |
| Terry L. Owen | Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer | 25,000 |
| Robert P. Vogels | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | 20,000 |
| Robert B. Blakestad | Senior Vice President, Exploration and Chief Geologist | 20,000 |
| Jerry W. Danni | Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs | 20,000 |
| Deborah J. Friedman | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary | 15,000 |

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: April 9, 2009

Golden Minerals Company

By:

/s/ Robert P. Vogels

Name: Robert P. Vogels

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer