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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: December 16, 2008 (Date of Earliest Event Reported) CAPSTEAD MORTGAGE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (State of Incorporation) 001-08896

75-2027937 (I.R.S. Employer

(Commission File No.) Identification No.)

8401 North Central Expressway **Suite 800** Dallas, Texas

75225

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (214) 874-2323

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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 December 16, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) of Capstead Mortgage Corporation (the Company) took certain compensation-related actions.

Fiscal 2008 Annual Incentive Compensation Payouts

As discussed in a previous filing on Form 8-K, on September 11, 2008 the Committee and the Board of Directors limited payouts to be made for the year ended December 31, 2008 under the Company s annual incentive compensation program to a maximum of \$6 million. As is more fully described in the Company s annual report to stockholders and definitive proxy statement, under this program an incentive formula is adopted each year for the creation of an incentive pool solely for the purpose of establishing amounts available to be paid as incentive compensation to employees for that year. While adoption of the incentive formula provides a mechanism for determining amounts to be included in the incentive pool, the Committee has discretion to administer incentive programs in a manner it deems appropriate in order to recognize and reward performance.

With the strong anticipated performance of the Company in 2008, the formula adopted in December 2007 would have produced an incentive pool well in excess of original expectations. Consequently, the Committee believed, and the Board of Directors concurred, it was in the best interests of stockholders to limit payouts from the incentive pool to a maximum, capped amount of \$6 million for the entire year.

On December 16, 2008, the Committee approved incentive compensation payouts for 2008 at the maximum, capped amount of \$6 million for the Company s named executive officers and other officers and employees to be distributed as follows:

Andrew F. Jacobs

President and Chief Executive Officer \$1,750,000

Phillip A. Reinsch

Executive Vice President, Chief

Financial Officer and Secretary 1,350,000

Robert R. Spears, Jr.

Executive Vice President Director,

Residential Mortgage Investments 1,000,000

Michael W. Brown

Senior Vice President Asset and

Liability Management and Treasurer 650,000

Anthony R. Page

Senior Vice President Director

Commercial Mortgage Investments 240,000

Remaining officers and employees

1,010,000

Performance-based Stock Awards

The Amended and Restated 2004 Flexible Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan) provides the Company with the flexibility to offer key officers, employees and directors performance-based stock incentives and other equity interests in the Company and other incentive awards that recognize the

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creation of value for the stockholders of the Company and promote the Company s long-term growth and success. On December 16, 2008, the Compensation Committee approved the grant of performance-based stock awards for the Company s named executive officers and other officers and employees as follows:

	Number of Shares
Andrew F. Jacobs	
President and Chief Executive Officer	41,000
Phillip A. Reinsch	
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial	
Officer and Secretary	22,900
Robert R. Spears, Jr.	
Executive Vice President Director,	
Residential Mortgage Investments	27,500
Michael W. Brown	
Senior Vice President Asset and	
Liability Management and Treasurer	14,700

The first 50% of these performance-based stock awards vest provided the performance criteria pertaining to a three-year measurement period ending December 31, 2011 are met. The remaining 50% vests provided the performance criteria pertaining to a three-year measurement period ending December 31, 2012 are met. If the performance criteria are not met at the end of a three-year measurement period, a new three-year measurement period will be established to include the subsequent year, up to and including the year 2015. If the performance criteria are not met for a three-year measurement period ending December 31, 2015, any remaining unvested stock awards will lapse. The performance criteria establishes an annualized threshold return on the Company s long-term investment capital, subject to certain adjustments, of the greater of 8.0% or the average 10-year U.S. Treasury rate plus 2.0% that must be exceeded for the awards to yest.

With the granting of these stock awards, the status of the Company s 2004 Plan is as follows:

Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options Number of securities remaining available for future issuance 555,750

1,358,298

34.559

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.

CAPSTEAD MORTGAGE CORPORATION

All other officers and employees

December 19, 2008

By: /s/ Phillip A. Reinsch

Phillip A. Reinsch

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer