

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form 8-K

November 07, 2008

**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 (Date of earliest event reported): November 3, 2008**

**Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

<b>Delaware</b> <i>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</i>	<b>1-10367</b> <i>(Commission File Number)</i>	<b>71-0675758</b> <i>(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)</i>
<b>914 N Jefferson Street</b> <b>Springdale, Arkansas</b> <i>(Address of Principal Executive Offices)</i>		<b>72764</b> <i>(Zip Code)</i>

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (479) 756-7400**

**Not Applicable**

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

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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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On November 3, 2008, Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc. announced the appointment of J.R. Brian Hanna as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. The former CFO, Robert Thayer, had resigned his position effective April 11, 2008. Mr. Hanna, aged 55, has most recently served as Chief Financial Officer of JT Sports (formerly Brass Eagle Inc.) from December 1, 1997 to October 31, 2008. Mr. Hanna obtained his Chartered Accountant's designation with Deloitte & Touche in 1982 and later became a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Hanna's background includes merger and acquisition integrations, financial system/IT implementations in addition to establishing internal controls, strategic planning and treasury functions.

The Company and Mr. Hanna agreed to a compensation package providing for an annual salary of \$185,000 and an annual bonus of 25% to 100% of his base salary, subject to the attainment of performance criteria, to be established by the Company's Compensation Committee. In addition, Mr. Hanna will be granted 100,000 shares of restricted stock. These shares will vest over four years, contingent upon the achievement of performance objectives. If there is a change in control of ownership of AERT within the first three years of his employment, Mr. Hanna's existing awards will immediately vest and he will receive 100,000 shares. Additionally, if he is terminated without cause within the first three years of his employment, he will receive 18 months of pay based on his previous year's annual salary and bonus.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

99.1 Press release issued November 3, 2008 announcing the above-referenced changes in executive officers.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.**

**ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL  
RECYCLING  
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

**By: /s/ JOE G. BROOKS  
Joe G. Brooks,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

**Date: November 7, 2008**