

ANTHRACITE CAPITAL INC  
Form 8-K  
June 10, 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) June 10, 2008 (June 4, 2008)**

**Anthracite Capital, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-13937**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3978906**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**40 East 52nd Street, New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10022**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 810-3333**

**N/A**

**(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On June 4, 2008, Anthracite Capital, Inc. (the Company ) entered into a Sales Agreement (the Agreement ) with Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation (the Sales Manager ) and BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. as to Sections 1.2 and 4.1(g) only. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company may issue and sell through the Sales Manager, as agent, shares of its common stock and the Sales Manager agrees to use its best efforts to sell such shares during the term of the Agreement and on the terms set forth therein. The Agreement replaced the Sales Agency Agreement, dated May 15, 2002, as amended by the First Amendment thereto dated May 15, 2003 and the Second Amendment thereto dated August 24, 2006, between the Company and the Sales Manager. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. is the manager of the Company.

The Sales Manager may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, the Company in the ordinary course of business for which it will receive customary compensation.

The foregoing description of the Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

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10.1	Sales Agreement, dated as of June 4, 2008, among Brinson Patrick Securities Corporation, Anthracite Capital, Inc. and BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. as to Sections 1.2 and 4.1(g) only

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.

ANTHRACITE CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ James J. Lillis

Name: James J. Lillis

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: June 10, 2008

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