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# 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): March 20, 2008 (March 17, 2008)

### FREMONT GENERAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada 001-08007 95-2815260

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2727 East Imperial Highway Brea, California

92821

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code) (714) 961-5000

Not Applicable

(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 20, 2008, Fremont General Corporation (the Company) doing business primarily through its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, Fremont Investment & Loan (the Bank), announced in a press release that the Bank has entered into a definitive agreement on March 17, 2008 to sell the mortgage servicing rights to mortgage loans currently held in certain securitization trusts sponsored by an affiliate of Carrington Capital Management, LLC (CCM) to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC (CMS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCM. The mortgage servicing rights to be sold to CMS are associated with underlying mortgage loans with a total remaining principal balance of approximately \$1.9 billion, which represents approximately 13% of the total remaining mortgage loan principal balance currently serviced by the Bank. The transaction is expected to close on April 1, 2008, subject to the satisfaction of various closing conditions, including the receipt of certain third party consents. In addition to the purchase price for the mortgage servicing rights, the Bank will be reimbursed over a twelve month period for outstanding advances previously made by the Bank up to the closing date pursuant to the terms of the definitive agreement. For further information about the Bank is sale of the mortgage servicing rights to CMS, see the full text of the press release issued, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by the Company, dated March 20, 2008

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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.

## FREMONT GENERAL CORPORATION

Date: March 20, 2008

By: /s/ Richard A. Sanchez Name: Richard A. Sanchez

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer