FREMONT GENERAL CORP Form 8-K July 18, 2008

# 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): July 18, 2008 (July 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)

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

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously reported, on June 18, 2008, Fremont General Corporation (the Company) filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (the Bankruptcy Court).

On July 17, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court entered a court order ( Order ) granting the motion filed by the Company on June 23, 2008, which sought approval to consummate the acquisition by CapitalSource Inc. ( CapitalSource ), through its newly formed wholly-owned California industrial bank subsidiary, CapitalSource Bank (in organization), of a substantial portion of the assets of Fremont Investment & Loan, the Company s wholly-owned indirect bank subsidiary ( FIL ), including all of FIL s branches, and the assumption of all of FIL s deposits pursuant to the terms of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated April 13, 2008 ( Purchase Agreement ). The Order authorizes the Company, as the sole shareholder of Fremont General Credit Corporation, a California corporation and the direct parent company of FIL ( FGCC ), to direct FGCC to vote its shares of FIL, which represent 100% of FIL shares, to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.

Entry of the Order by the Bankruptcy Court satisfies a significant closing condition pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. It is expected that the transaction will close prior to July 31, 2008, subject to the parties satisfying the remaining closing conditions.

For further information, see the full text of the Order and news release issued, which are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

Documents filed with the Bankruptcy Court (other than documents filed under seal or otherwise subject to confidentiality protections) will be accessible at the Bankruptcy Court s Internet site, www.cacd.uscourts.gov, through an account obtained from Pacer Service Center at 1-800-676-6856. Additional information may also be found at the Company s website at www.fremontgeneral.com under Restructuring Information . The information set forth on the foregoing websites shall not be deemed to be a part of or incorporated by reference into this Form 8-K.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 Order Approving Motion for Order Authorizing the Debtor to Use the Shares of a Non-Debtor

Subsidiary to Consummate the CapitalSource Transaction

Exhibit 99.2 News Release issued by the Company, dated July 17, 2008

# **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: July 18, 2008 By: /s/ Richard A. Sanchez

Name: Richard A. Sanchez

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer