

**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): April 11, 2023**

**Apexigen, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-39488**  
(Commission File Number)

**85-1260244**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**900 Industrial Road  
Suite C  
San Carlos, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**94070**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (650) 931-6236**

(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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

| Title of each class   | Trading<br>Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share  | APGN                 | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC               |
| Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of<br>Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share | APGNW                | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC               |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

**Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.**

On April 11, 2023, Apexigen, Inc. (the “Company”) received a written notice from the Listing Qualifications Staff of the Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) notifying the Company that it has not been in compliance with the minimum bid price requirement set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5450(a)(1) for a period of 30 consecutive business days (the “Notice”). This Notice has no immediate effect on the listing of the Company’s stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company is provided a compliance period of 180 calendar days from the date of the Notice to regain compliance with the minimum closing bid price requirement. If the Company does not regain compliance during the compliance period, the Company may be afforded a second 180 calendar day period to regain compliance. To qualify, the Company must meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly-held shares and all other initial listing standards for the Nasdaq Capital Market (with the exception of the minimum bid price requirement) and notify Nasdaq of its intent to cure the deficiency by effecting a reverse stock split if necessary. If the Company does not regain compliance within the allotted compliance periods, including any extensions that may be granted by Nasdaq, the Company’s stock will be subject to delisting.

The Company can achieve compliance with the minimum bid price requirement if, during either compliance period, the closing bid price per share of the Company’s stock is at least \$1.00 for a minimum of ten consecutive business days.

The Company intends to monitor the closing bid price of its stock and assess potential actions to regain compliance, but there can be no assurance that the Company will regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement during the 180-day compliance period, secure a second 180-day period to regain compliance, or maintain compliance with the other Nasdaq listing requirements.

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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.

**Apexigen, Inc.**

Date: April 12, 2023

By: /s/ Francis Sarena

Francis Sarena

President & Chief Operating Officer

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