SVB FINANCIAL GROUP Form 8-K January 16, 2009

## **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): January 16, 2009

# **SVB Financial Group**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 000-15637 (Commission File Number) 91-1962278 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

3003 Tasman Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054-1191

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 654-7400

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):

" 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 240.142-12)

" 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))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 16, 2009, SVB Financial Group (the Company ) issued a press release regarding selected unaudited preliminary financial results expected for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this report shall not be treated as filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Act of 1934, except as expressly stated by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

#### Exhibit No. Description

99.1

Press Release, dated January 16, 2009, announcing the Company s selected unaudited preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 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.

Date: January 16, 2009

SVB FINANCIAL GROUP

By: /s/ MICHAEL DESCHENEAUX Name: Michael Descheneaux

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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