

ASTROTECH Corp \WA\  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2010

**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 19, 2010**

**Astrotech Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-34426**

(Commission File Number)

**91-1273737**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**401 Congress Ave. Suite 1650, Austin, Texas**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**78701**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(512) 485-9530**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

1. On January 19, 2010, an independent committee of the board of directors of 1st Detect Corporation ( 1st Detect ), a subsidiary of the Astrotech Corporation (the Company ), approved a grant of restricted stock and warrants to certain officers, directors and employees of 1st Detect pursuant to restricted stock agreements and stock purchase warrants between 1st Detect and each such individual.

The awards will vest as follows, subject to earlier vesting upon the grantee s death or disability or in the event of a change of control of the Company: 50% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the second anniversary of the grant date. The restricted stock agreements and stock purchase warrants provide for forfeiture of unvested stock if the recipient is terminated or voluntarily ceases to perform services for 1st Detect, immediate vesting upon a change of control, and restrictions on and requirements as to transfer. The stock purchase warrants have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of 1st Detect s common stock on the date of grant as determined by an independent valuation firm.

The number of shares and warrants underlying each award to a named executive officer is as follows: Thomas B. Pickens III: 300 shares, 680 warrants; John Porter: 200 shares, 180 warrants. If all of the shares issued pursuant to the restricted stock agreements vest and all of the stock purchase warrants are exercised, then Thomas B. Pickens III would hold 9.8%, John Porter would hold 3.8% and the Company would hold 70% of the outstanding shares of 1st Detect based on the number of fully-diluted shares as of the date of the grants.

2. On January 19, 2010, an independent committee of the board of directors of Astrogenetix, Inc. ( Astrogenetix ), a subsidiary of the Company, approved a grant of restricted stock and warrants to certain officers, directors and employees of Astrogenetix pursuant to restricted stock agreements and stock purchase warrants between Astrogenetix and each such individual.

The awards will vest as follows, subject to earlier vesting upon the grantee s death or disability or in the event of a change of control of the Company: 50% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the second anniversary of the grant date. The restricted stock agreements and stock purchase warrants provide for forfeiture of unvested stock if the recipient is terminated or voluntarily ceases to perform services for Astrogenetix, immediate vesting upon a change of control, and restrictions on and requirements as to transfer. The stock purchase warrants have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Astrogenetix s common stock on the date of grant as determined by an independent valuation firm.

The number of shares and warrants underlying each award to a named executive officer is as follows: Thomas B. Pickens III: 500 shares, 1,000 warrants; John Porter: 400 shares, 800 warrants; James D. Royston: 300 shares. If all of the shares issued pursuant to the restricted stock agreements vest and all of the stock purchase warrants are exercised, then Thomas B. Pickens III would hold 15%, John Porter would hold 12%, James D. Royston would hold 3% and the Company would hold 60% of the outstanding shares of Astrogenetix based on the number of fully-diluted shares as of the date of the grants.

**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.

ASTROTECH CORPORATION

Date: January 19, 2010

By: /s/ Thomas B. Pickens, III  
Thomas B. Pickens, III  
Chairman of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer