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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 17, 2009, Cognex Corporation issued a news release to report its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2008. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News release, dated February 17, 2009, by Cognex Corporation

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COGNEX CORPORATION

Dated: February 17, 2009 By: /s/ Richard A. Morin  
Richard A. Morin  
Senior Vice President of Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer