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> 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): July 21, 2006

SONEX RESEARCH, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-14465

52-1188993 000-14465 52-1188993 (Commision file (IRS employer number) identification no.)

23 Hudson Street, Annapolis, MD 21401 (Address of principal executive offices)

(410) 266-5556 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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On July 21, 2006, the Registrant posted the following announcement on its website (www.sonexresearch.com):

COURT GRANTS SONEX MOTION TO DISMISS FEDERAL LAWSUIT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, July 21, 2006 - SONEX RESEARCH, INC. (OTC SONX) has learned that on July 19, 2006 the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania granted the Company's Motion to Dismiss a lawsuit filed by investors seeking the return of \$175,000 in equity investments made in Sonex during 2004. The Court ruled that the Plaintiffs failed to state any of their claims as a matter of law. The Plaintiffs have 30 days to file an Amended Complaint if they can effectively do so in light of the Court's decision.

The Complaint was filed in February 2005 by Bruce W. Majer of Plymouth Meeting, PA, Allen W. Fortna of Whitehall, PA, and the Hermitage Partnership of Philadelphia, PA (together, referred to as the "Investors"). The Complaint was an action for federal and state securities fraud, common law fraud, and related claims by the Investors who believe they were induced to purchase securities based on a series of alleged misstatements and omissions, and was filed against Sonex, its former President, CEO and director Roger D. Posey, former director Jim Z.I. Williams, current CFO, Secretary and director George E. Ponticas, and Dr. Andrew A. Pouring, current Sonex Chairman of the Board, CEO and President. Mr. Majer is a former colleague of Mr. Posey.

In March 2005 Sonex filed its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for failure to state a cognizable claim as a matter of law. The Court, in its decision this week, has agreed with Sonex that the Plaintiffs failed to meet the legal standard for bringing a valid complaint under applicable federal and state securities laws.

Sonex management continues to believe that, aside from failing to meet the legal requirements, the claims in the Complaint were without merit, and that documents supplied to the Plaintiffs fully disclosed the risks of an investment in Sonex.

Contact: George E. Ponticas, CFO, Sonex Research, Inc., tel: 410-266-5556, email: george.ponticas@sonex-na.com, website: www.sonexresearch.com.

### About Sonex

Sonex Research, Inc., a leader in the field of combustion technology, is developing its patented Sonex Combustion System (SCS) piston-based technology for in-cylinder control of ignition and combustion, designed to increase fuel mileage and reduce emissions of internal combustion engines. Sonex plans to complete development, commercialize and market its Sonex Controlled Auto Ignition (SCAI) combustion process to the automotive industry to improve fuel efficiency of gasoline powered vehicles. Additionally, independent third-party testing has confirmed the potential of the SCS application for direct-injected diesel engines to significantly reduce harmful soot in-cylinder without increasing fuel consumption. Other SCS designs are being used to convert gasoline engines of various sizes to operate on safer, diesel-type "heavy fuels" for use in military and commercial applications requiring light weight and safe handling and storage of fuel, such as in UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles).

### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

"Forward-looking" statements contained in this report, as well as all publicly disseminated material about the Company, are made pursuant to the "safe harbor"

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provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Act. Such statements are based on current expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions by management with respect to matters such as commercial acceptance of the SCS technology, the impact of competition, and the Company's financial condition or results of operations. Readers are cautioned that such statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any such forward-looking statements.

### RISK FACTORS

Additional information regarding the risks faced by Sonex is provided in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the heading "Risk Factors". Such filings are available upon request from the Company or online in the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov. The Company, however, is delinquent in its filings with the SEC. It has not filed its Annual Reports on Form 10-KSB for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005 because it lacks the financial resources to engage its independent accountants to conduct audits of the December 31, 2004 and 2005 financial statements, and because it lacks the staffing to prepare the Form 10-KSB itself due in large part to the amount of time management has spent in responding to litigation. For the same reasons, the Company has been unable to file its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-QSB for 2005 and 2006. The Company is unable to predict when it will be able to make these filings and there can be no assurance that the filings will be made at all. In addition, there can be no assurance that a public market for the Company's Common Stock will continue to exist.

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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.

July 21, 2006

SONEX RESEARCH, INC. Registrant

/s/ George E. Ponticas

George E. Ponticas Chief Financial Officer and Secretary