Form 8-K

November 12, 2008

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): November 12, 2008

China Automotive Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware000-312333-0885775(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)(Commission File
Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Number)Identification No.)Identification No.)

No. 1 Henglong Road, Yu Qiao Development Zone Shashi District, Jing Zhou City Hubei Province People's Republic of China

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (86) 27-5981 8527

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- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions

On November 12, 2008, China Automotive Systems, Inc. issued a press release announcing its results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report included in this Item 2.02, including the exhibit included herewith, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No Description

99.1 Press Release of China Automotive Systems, Inc., dated November 12, 2008.

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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.

China Automotive Systems, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: November 12, 2008 By: /s/ Hanlin Chen

Hanlin Chen Chairman

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