CHINA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS INC Form 8-K March 28, 2013

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): March 27, 2013

China Automotive Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 000-33123 33-0885775

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

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

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (86) 27-8757 0027

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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " 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 March 27, 2013, China Automotive Systems, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the fourth quarter and 2012 fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report, including in this Item 2.02 and in the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K 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 March 27, 2013.

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SIGNATURES

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

China Automotive Systems, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: March 28, 2013 By: /s/ Hanlin Chen

Hanlin Chen Chairman

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