

CHEN HANLIN

Form 4

December 23, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHEN HANLIN

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CHINA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS
INC [CAAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HENGLONG BUILDING, NO. 1
GUANSHAN FIRST, ROAD, EAST
LAKE HI-TECH ZONE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2008

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below) Chairman

WUHAN, HUBEI, F4 430073

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Common Stock						2,011,425	I
							By Spouse
Common Stock						302,354	I
							See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		P	100	A	\$ 3.18	13,305,747
							D
Common Stock	12/19/2008		P	4,500	A	\$ 3.19	13,310,247
							D

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Common Stock	12/22/2008	P	3,000	A	\$ 3.2	13,313,247	D
Common Stock	12/22/2008	P	2,200	A	\$ 3.25	13,315,447	D
Common Stock	12/23/2008	P	5,200	A	\$ 3.18	13,320,647	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHEN HANLIN HENGLONG BUILDING, NO. 1 GUANSHAN FIRST ROAD, EAST LAKE HI-TECH ZONE WUHAN, HUBEI, F4 430073	X	X	Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Hanlin Chen 12/23/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents common stocks held indirectly by Mr. Hanlin Chen through Wiselink Holdings Limited ("Wiselink"), a company controlled by him.

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