| CHINA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS | INC |
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| Form 8-K                 |     |
| March 15, 2012           |     |

## 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 9, 2012

## 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) 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

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)
- £ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- £ 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 Conditions**

On March 9, 2012, China Automotive Systems, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the three-month period and fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. 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 9, 2012.

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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 15, 2012 By: /s/ Hanlin Chen

Hanlin Chen Chairman

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