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(Print or Type R	desponses)											
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)				
	G BUILDING, N N FIRST, ROAD ECH ZONE		12/15/20	•				below)	below) Chairman			
WIIIAN II	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 						
WUHAN, H	UBEI, F4 430073	,						Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ities Aco	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	med 3. 4. Securities Acquired on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or				ed of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	2,011,425	Ι	By Spouse		
Common Stock								302,354	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/15/2008			P	14	A	\$ 2.78	13,289,261	D			
Common Stock	12/15/2008			P	3,986	A	\$ 2.75	13,293,247	D			

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13,294,040

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Common Stock					\$ 3.18		
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	500	A	\$ 3.16	13,294,540	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	1,007	A	\$ 3.15	13,295,547	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	99	A	\$ 3.14	13,295,646	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	200	A	\$ 3.13	13,295,846	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	401	A	\$ 3.1	13,296,247	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	100	A	\$ 3.04	13,296,347	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008	P	100	A	\$ 2.85	13,296,447	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)

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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners 2

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CHEN HANLIN
HENGLONG BUILDING, NO. 1 GUANSHAN FIRST
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Chairman

Signatures

/s/ Hanlin Chen 12/17/2008

**Signature of 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 by Wiselink Holdings Limited ("Wiselink"), a company controlled by Mr. Hanlin Chen.

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