

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP LTD

Form 6-K

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2009

Commission File Number: 001-14550

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

2550 Hongqiao Road
Hongqiao Airport
Shanghai, China 200335

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

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

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited
(Registrant)

Date July 7, 2009

By: /s/ Luo Zhuping
Name: Luo Zhuping
Title: Company Secretary

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(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock code: 670)

**MAJOR TRANSACTION
PURCHASE OF TWENTY AIRBUS A320 SERIES AIRCRAFT
TIME EXTENSION FOR DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR**

Reference is made to the Announcement regarding the purchase of twenty Airbus A320 series aircraft (with engines) by the Company. The Company has applied to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.38A in relation to the timing for the despatch of the Circular. The Circular is expected to be available for despatch as soon as practicable but not later than 28 August 2009.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 17 June 2009 (the "Announcement") regarding the purchase of twenty Airbus A320 series aircraft (with engines) by the Company. Terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement unless the context otherwise requires.

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, a circular ("Circular") regarding the "major transaction" as mentioned in the Announcement is required to be despatched to the Company's shareholders within 21 days after publication of the Announcement, that is, on or before 8 July 2009. However, due to the fact that the finance and accounting department of the Company is currently heavily engaged in the preparation of the 2009 interim results of the Company, additional time is required to collate and finalise certain information, including the financial information associated with the preparation of the Circular, such as an updated indebtedness statement required for inclusion in the Circular. The Company has therefore applied to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 14.38A of the Listing Rules in relation to the timing for the despatch of the Circular. The directors of the Company expect that the Circular will be available for despatch as soon as practicable but not later than 28 August 2009.

As announced by the Company on the announcement dated 8 June 2009, the Company will issue an announcement of price-sensitive in nature and the Company is in the course of preparing such information for disclosure. Trading of the

H shares of the Company has been suspended from 8 June 2009 and it will remain suspended until the publication of a further announcement which is price-sensitive in nature.

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By order of the board of directors
CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES
CORPORATION LIMITED
Luo Zhuping
Director and Company Secretary

The directors of the Company as at the date of this announcement are:

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| Liu Shaoyong | (Chairman) |
| Li Jun | (Vice Chairman) |
| Ma Xulun | (Director, President) |
| Luo Chaogeng | (Director) |
| Luo Zhuping | (Director, Company Secretary) |
| Hu Honggao | (Independent Non-executive Director) |
| Wu Baiwang | (Independent Non-executive Director) |
| Zhou Ruijin | (Independent Non-executive Director) |
| Xie Rong | (Independent Non-executive Director) |
| Sandy Ke-Yaw Liu | (Independent Non-executive Director) |

Shanghai, the PRC
7 July 2009