CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ Form 8-K January 21, 2009

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): January 21, 2009

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10323 74-2099724

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 324-2950 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 January 21, 2009, the Company issued a press release detailing certain fourth quarter and full year 2008 special items. This press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 2.02 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURE

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

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

January 21, 2009

By /s/ Lori A. Gobillot

Lori A. Gobillot Staff Vice President and Assistant General

Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release