

ASIA SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LTD

Form 6-K

December 19, 2008

**FORM 6-K**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington DC 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 2008

Commission File Number: 1-14396

**ASIA SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

19th Floor, Sunning Plaza, 10 Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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Yes  No

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**Important Notice**

Statements in this announcement relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this announcement, the words "estimate," "project," "anticipate," "expect," "intend," "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements and information. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Registrant to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These important factors include, but are not limited to: (i) the continued operation of the existing in-orbit satellites and success in constructing and launching new satellites as planned, (ii) future economic and competitive conditions in the Asian regional satellite market in which AsiaSat competes, (iii) the Registrant's success in obtaining necessary regulatory approvals and licenses, and (iv) the continued ability of the Registrant to meet its debt obligations and fund its capital expenditure programs. These factors are described in further detail in the Registrant's most recent annual report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Information furnished on this form:

Circular, dated December 19, 2008, made by the Registrant regarding the Transponder Master Agreement entered into between AsiaSat, an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant, and CITIC Networks and CITICSat.

EXHIBIT

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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.

**Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited**  
(Registrant)

Date: December 19, 2008

By: /s/ Peter Jackson  
Peter Jackson  
Chief Executive Officer