## **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 19, 2012

# UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. UNITED AIR LINES, INC. CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** 001-06033 36-2675207 001-11355 **Delaware** 36-2675206 74-2099724 **Delaware** 001-10323 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification Number) of incorporation)

77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

60601 77002 (Zip Code)

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(312) 997-8000 (312) 997-8000 (713) 324-2950 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

	(Former name or former address, it 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:				
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	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 Condition.

On January 19, 2012, United Continental Holdings, Inc. ("UAL"), the holding company whose primary subsidiaries are United Air Lines, Inc. and Continental Airlines, Inc., issued a press release announcing special charges for fourth quarter 2011. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1*	Press Release issued by United Continental Holdings, Inc. dated January 19, 2012

\* Furnished herewith electronically.

## **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 hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. UNITED AIR LINES, INC. CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

By: /s/ Chris Kenny

Name: Chris Kenny

Title: Vice President and Controller

Date: January 19, 2012

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## News Release



United Continental Holdings, Inc. Worldwide Media Relations

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## UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS TO HOLD LIVE WEBCAST OF FOURTH-QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR FINANCIAL RESULTS

SPECIAL CHARGES SUMMARY FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 2011

CHICAGO, Jan. 19, 2012 – United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) will hold a conference call to discuss fourth-quarter and full-year 2011 financial results on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m. CT/10:30 a.m. ET. A live, listen-only webcast of the conference call will be available at ir.unitedcontinentalholdings.com.

The webcast will be available for replay within 24 hours of the conference call and then archived on the website for a limited time.

## **Fourth-Quarter Special Charges**

United Continental Holdings, Inc. expects to record special charges of \$247 million during the fourth quarter of 2011. Details are as follows (in millions):

	Dec. 31, 2011	
Integration-related costs	\$	170
Other special charges		79
Subtotal special charges	\$	249
Income tax benefit		(2)
Total special charges, net of income taxes	\$	247

Integration-related costs: Integration-related costs include compensation costs related to systems integration and training, costs to repaint aircraft and other branding activities, costs to write-off or accelerate depreciation on systems and facilities that are no longer used or planned to be used for significantly shorter periods, and severance primarily associated with administrative headcount reductions. In addition, on Dec. 31, 2011, UAL became obligated to issue to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, no later than Feb. 14, 2012, \$62.5 million aggregate principal amount of 8% Contingent Senior Unsecured Notes. UAL recorded a liability of approximately \$39 million for the fair value of that obligation. The company classified the liability as an integration-related cost since the financial results of UAL, excluding Continental's results, would not have resulted in a triggering event under the 8% Notes indenture.





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Other special charges: Other special charges include costs to terminate a maintenance service contract early, adjustments to reserves for certain legal matters and gains and losses on the disposal of aircraft. The company also recorded impairment charges on certain intangible assets related to foreign take-off and landing slots to reflect the estimated fair value of these assets as part of its annual impairment test of indefinite lived intangible assets.

## **About United Continental Holdings, Inc.**

United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) is the holding company for both United Airlines and Continental Airlines. Together with United Express, Continental Express and Continental Connection, these airlines operate an average of 5,717 flights a day to 376 airports on six continents from their hubs in Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Guam, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark Liberty, San Francisco, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. United and Continental are members of Star Alliance, which offers more than 21,200 daily flights to 1,185 airports in 185 countries. United and Continental's more than 80,000 employees reside in every U.S. state and in many countries around the world. For more information about United Continental Holdings, Inc., go to UnitedContinentalHoldings.com. For more information about the airlines, see united.com and continental.com or follow United on Twitter and Facebook.