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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
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

eLong, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Chaoyang District

Beijing 100016, People's Republic of China

(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.

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Yes _____ No ☒ X

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On September 26, 2007, Beijing time, eLong, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Guangfu Cui as Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective October 8, 2007. The Company also announced that Henrik Kjellberg will step down as Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company but will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company s press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The information herein and in the press releases is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company on September 26, 2007.

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.

DATED: September 27, 2007

ELONG, INC.

By: /s/ Chris Chan

Name: Chris Chan

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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**eLong, Inc. Announces Appointment of
Guangfu Cui as New Chief Executive Officer**

9/26/2007

Beijing, China September 26, 2007 eLong, Inc. (NASDAQ:LONG), a leading online travel service provider in China, today announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer.

Guangfu Cui will join as CEO of eLong, Inc., effective October 8, 2007. Henrik Kjellberg will step down as Interim CEO of eLong but will remain Chairman of the eLong Board of Directors, and will remain actively involved in the company.

Guangfu Cui has significant experience in business expansion and establishing national brands in China. He also brings a thorough understanding of the Chinese consumer and the Chinese market, having worked not only for P&G but also for Fedex Kinko's in China said Mr. Kjellberg.

I am delighted to be joining eLong at this exciting and challenging stage in the company's development, said Guangfu Cui. The Chinese travel market is just starting to take off and eLong is extremely well positioned to build a very strong position in this segment. We will continue the process of change to make eLong an even stronger company.

About Guangfu Cui

Prior to joining eLong, Guangfu Cui was the Managing Director for FedEx Kinko's China. Under his leadership, Mr. Cui positioned the company as market leader in digital printing industry in China with 16 centers and 300 employees within four years after he joined FedEx Kinko's.

Prior to joining FedEx Kinko's, Guangfu Cui worked for Procter & Gamble China for over 12 years, including two and half years working in the United States. He was instrumental in building Procter & Gamble China's distribution network and retail coverage system.

Guangfu Cui is 38 years old, holds an MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a BA in Law from Peking University.

About eLong, Inc.

eLong, Inc. (NASDAQ: LONG) is a leading online travel company in China. Headquartered in Beijing, eLong has a national presence across China. eLong uses web-based distribution technologies and a bilingual call center to provide consumers with access to travel reservation services. Aiming to enrich people's lives through the freedom of independent travel, eLong empowers consumers to make informed choices by providing a one-stop travel solution and consolidated travel tools and information such as maps, virtual tours and user ratings. eLong has the capacity to fulfill air ticket reservations in over 55 major cities across China. In addition to choice of a wide hotel selection in the Greater China region, eLong offers Chinese consumers the ability to make bookings at international hotels in over 140 destinations worldwide. eLong operates the websites <http://www.elong.com> and <http://www.elong.net>.

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1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, forecast, intend, may, plan, project, predict, should, and similar expressions as they related to the Company are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward looking statements are based upon management's current views and expectations with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. Furthermore, these statements are, by their nature, subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance and results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors. Factors that could affect the Company's actual results and cause actual results to differ materially from those included in any forward-looking statement include, but are not limited to, eLong's historical operating losses, its limited operating history, declines or disruptions in the travel industry, the recurrence of SARS, an outbreak of bird flu, eLong's reliance on having good relationships with hotel suppliers and airline ticket suppliers, collection risk with respect to eLong's corporate travel accounts receivable, the possibility that eLong will be unable to timely comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the risk that eLong will not be successful in competing against new and existing competitors, risks associated with Expedia, Inc.'s (Nasdaq: EXPE) majority ownership interest in eLong and the integration of eLong's business with that of Expedia's, subsequent revaluations of the Chinese currency, changes in eLong's management team and other key personnel and other risks outlined in eLong's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (or SEC), including eLong's Form 20-F filed with the SEC in connection with the Company's fiscal year 2006 results. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

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