SCHEDULE 14D-9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(D)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ASIA SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Name of Subject Company)

ASIA SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

ORDINARY SHARES, par value HK \$0.10 per share

AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES, EACH REPRESENTING TEN SHARES

(Title of Class of Securities)

Ordinary Shares (763991-02-3)

American Depositary Shares (04516X106)

((CUSIP) Number of Class of Securities)

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ITEM 9. EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

99.1

Joint Announcement, dated April 23, 2007, issued by Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited and Asiaco Acquisition Ltd. regarding the invocation of the Authorization Conditions, cancellation of the Scheme of Arrangement, indefinite adjournment of the Court Meeting and Special General Meeting and possible MGO offers to be made.