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FORM F-1
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

British Virgin Islands
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

2860
(Primary Standard Industrial
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Not Applicable
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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Ordinary Shares, no par value ("Ordinary Shares") ⁽³⁾	5,750,000	5.00	\$ 28,750,000	\$ 3,731.75
Underwriter Warrants ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—
Ordinary Shares, no par value, underlying the Underwriter Warrants ⁽⁵⁾	250,000	6.00	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 194.70
Total	6,000,000	—	\$ 30,250,000	\$ 3,926.45

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the amount of the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Includes the offering price attributable to an additional 750,000 Ordinary Shares that Network 1 Financial Securities, Inc. (the "Underwriter") has the option to purchase to cover over-allotments, if any.
- (2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act, based on an estimate of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.
- (3) In accordance with Rule 416(a), we are also registering an indeterminate number of additional Ordinary Shares that shall be issuable pursuant to Rule 416 to prevent dilution resulting from share splits, share dividends, or similar transactions.
- (4) In accordance with Rule 457(g) under the Securities Act, because the Registrant's Ordinary Shares underlying the Underwriter Warrants (as defined below) are registered hereby, no separate registration fee is required with respect to the warrants registered hereby.
- (5) The Registrant will issue to the Underwriter warrants to purchase a number of Ordinary Shares equal to an aggregate of 5% of the Ordinary Shares (the "Underwriter Warrants") sold in the offering (exclusive of any Ordinary Shares that may be issued upon exercise by the Underwriter of the over-allotment option). The exercise price of the Underwriter Warrants is equal to 120% of the offering price of the Ordinary Shares offered hereby. Assuming an initial public offering price of \$4.50, which is the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range, and an exercise price of \$5.40 per share for the Underwriter Warrants, we would receive, in the aggregate, \$1,350,000 upon exercise of the Underwriter Warrants. The Underwriter Warrants are exercisable commencing 180 days immediately following the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part for a period of five years after the effective date of the offering, at any time, and from time to time, in whole or in part. As estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(g) under the Securities Act. Resales of Ordinary Shares issuable upon exercise of the Underwriter Warrants on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act are also registered hereby.

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell the securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting any offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where such offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS DATED JULY 2, 2020

5,000,000 Ordinary Shares



CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

This is an initial public offering of our ordinary shares, no par value (“Ordinary Shares”). We are offering 5,000,000 Ordinary Shares on a firm commitment basis by Network 1 Financial Securities, Inc., the Underwriter. See “Underwriting.” Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our Ordinary Shares. We currently expect the initial public offering price will be in the range of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per Ordinary Share.

We have reserved the symbol “CNEY” for purposes of listing our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market and plan to apply to list our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market. It is a condition to the closing of this offering that the Ordinary Shares qualify for listing on a national securities exchange.

Investing in our Ordinary Shares involves a high degree of risk, including the risk of losing your entire investment. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 12 to read about factors you should consider before buying our Ordinary Shares.

We are an “emerging growth company” as defined under the federal securities laws and will be subject to reduced public company reporting requirements. Please read the disclosures beginning on page 7 of this prospectus for more information.

	Initial Public Offering Price	Underwriting Discounts (1)	Proceeds to Our Company Before Expenses(2)
Per Share	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$

(1) See “Underwriting” beginning on page 119 in this prospectus for more information regarding our compensation arrangements with the Underwriter.

(2) The total estimated expenses related to this offering are set forth in “Underwriting—Discounts and Expenses.”

We have granted the Underwriter an option for a period of 45 days after the closing of the offering to purchase up to an additional 750,000 Ordinary Shares from us at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts to cover over-allotments. We have agreed to issue share purchase warrants, exercisable commencing 180 days immediately following the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part for a period of five years after the effective date of the offering, to purchase Ordinary Shares equal to 5% of the total number of shares sold in this offering at a per share price equal to 120% of the public offering price (the “Underwriter Warrants”). The registration statement of which this prospectus is a part also covers the Underwriter Warrants and the Ordinary Shares issuable upon the exercise thereof.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The Underwriter expects to deliver the Ordinary Shares to purchasers on _____, 2020.



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About this Prospectus

We and the Underwriter have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses prepared by us or on our behalf or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the Ordinary Shares offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of the date on the front cover of the prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Other Pertinent Information

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus to:

- “China” or the “PRC” are to the People’s Republic of China, excluding Taiwan and the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau for the purposes of this prospectus only;
- “CN Energy” are to CN ENERGY GROUP. INC. (also referred to as 中北能源集团有限公司 in Chinese), a company limited by shares organized under the laws of British Virgin Islands;
- “CN Energy Development” are to CN Energy Industrial Development Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 中北能源产业发展有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is jointly owned by Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Technology (as defined below);
- “Convertible Preferred Shares” are to the convertible preferred shares of the Company, no par value;
- “Energy Holdings” are to CN Energy’s wholly owned subsidiary, CLEAN ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (also referred to as 清洁能源控股有限公司 in Chinese), a Hong Kong corporation;
- “Hangzhou Forasen” are to Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 杭州富来森科技有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is wholly owned by Khingan Forasen (as defined below);
- “Khingang Forasen” are to Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 大兴安岭富来森能源科技有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is wholly owned by CN Energy Development;
- “Manzhouli CN Energy” are to Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 满洲里市中北能实业有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is wholly owned by Energy Holdings;
- “Manzhouli CN Technology” are to Manzhouli CN Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 满洲里市中北能科技有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is jointly owned by Zhejiang CN Energy (as defined below) and Manzhouli CN Energy;
- “Preferred Shares” refers to Convertible Preferred Shares sold in the Preferred Share Offering (as defined below) at a purchase price of \$3.60 per share;
- “Preferred Share Offering” refers to the private offering of Preferred Shares pursuant to certain Share Purchase Agreements dated April 3, 2020, in reliance on an exemption from registration contained in Regulation S, as promulgated under the Securities Act;
- “Ordinary Shares” are to the Ordinary Shares of the Company, no par value;
- “Tahe Biopower Plant” are to Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Tahe Biopower Plant (also referred to as 大兴安岭富来森能源科技有限公司塔河生物发电厂 in Chinese), the branch office of Khingan Forasen;
- “we,” “us,” or the “Company” are to one or more of CN Energy, and its subsidiaries, as the case may be;

- “Zhejiang CN Energy” are to Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 浙江中北能源科技开发有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is wholly owned by Energy Holdings; and
- “Zhongxing Energy” are to Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 满洲里市众兴能源科技有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the PRC, which is wholly owned by Khingan Forasen.

Our business is conducted by Khingan Forasen, our wholly owned indirect subsidiary in the PRC, and its subsidiaries, using Renminbi (“RMB”), the currency of the PRC. Our consolidated financial statements are presented in United States dollars. In this prospectus, we refer to assets, obligations, commitments and liabilities in our consolidated financial statements in United States dollars. All translations from RMB to United States dollars using the exchange rate refer to the exchange rates discussed in “Exchange Rate Information.” We make no representation that the RMB amounts referred to in this prospectus could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at any particular rate or at all. Changes in the exchange rate will affect the amount of our obligations and the value of our assets in terms of United States dollars which may result in an increase or decrease in the amount of our obligations (expressed in dollars) and the value of our assets, including accounts receivable (expressed in dollars).

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information and financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition to this summary, we urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks of investing in our Ordinary Shares, discussed under “Risk Factors,” before deciding whether to buy our Ordinary Shares.

Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and per share amounts in this prospectus have been presented giving effect to a forward split of our Ordinary Shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share on April 20, 2020.

Overview

Our Company

Through our wholly owned PRC subsidiary, Khingan Forasen, we are a manufacturer and supplier of wood-based activated carbon that is primarily used in pharmaceutical manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, water purification, environmental protection, and food and beverage production (“Activated Carbon Production”), and a producer of biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon (“Biomass Electricity Production”).

As a manufacturer of wood-based activated carbon, our primary raw materials are forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes, which we source from our suppliers. Our current facility is located in Tahe County, Heilongjiang Province, in close proximity to the Greater Khingan Range, where our suppliers are primarily located. We also source raw materials from Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (“Inner Mongolia”).

We produce wood-based activated carbon that is conformed to our customers’ specifications. Our activated carbon customers are primarily activated carbon wholesalers and companies engaging in the activated carbon deep processing business. Our customers are all based in the PRC and currently are mainly located in Jiangsu Province, Fujian Province, Zhejiang Province, and Shanghai. The primary end users of our activated carbon are food and beverage producers, industrial manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and companies engaging in environmental protection. In addition, we have provided activated carbon related technical services to Hangzhou Lianmu Technology Co., Ltd. (“Lianmu Technology”) from time to time since January 1, 2017. The technical services we provided included activated carbon mixing ratio adjustments, activated carbon component indicator analyses, absorptive capacity tests, and other technical support. We expect to continue to provide similar technical services to Lianmu Technology and our other customers if requested.

The biomass electricity generated during the process of producing activated carbon is supplied to State Grid Heilongjiang Electric Power Company Limited (“State Grid Heilongjiang”), a subsidiary of State Grid Corporation of China in Heilongjiang Province. We do not supply biomass electricity to any other state-owned or other entity.

Our revenue is primarily generated through sales of activated carbon.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, we sold 2,967 and 3,816 tons of activated carbon and 1,039,480 and 1,159,917 kWh of biomass electricity, respectively. For the same periods, we had total revenue of \$3,943,459 and \$4,768,077, and net income of \$522,827 and \$684,137, respectively. The revenue derived from Activated Carbon Production accounted for 97.13% and 97.60% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The revenue derived from Biomass Electricity Production accounted for 1.24% and 2.40% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Revenue derived from technical services provided to Lianmu Technology accounted for 1.63% and 0% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we sold 8,584 and 6,200 tons of activated carbon and 3,044,574 and 3,872,866 kWh of biomass electricity, respectively. For the same years, we had total revenue of \$10,893,164 and \$8,091,937, and net income of \$1,667,812 and \$1,562,618, respectively. The revenue derived from Activated Carbon Production accounted for 96.31% and 94.79% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The revenue derived from Biomass Electricity Production accounted for 1.80% and 4.71% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The revenue derived from technical services provided to Lianmu Technology accounted for 1.89% and 0.50% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Competitive Strengths

We believe that the following competitive strengths have contributed to our success and differentiated us from our competitors:

- advanced technology and established relationship with a research center;
- strategically placed facilities and lower costs;
- high-quality wood-based activated carbon products and biomass electricity; and
- strong management and professional team with extensive industry experience.

Growth Strategies

Our goal is to become one of China's leading wood-based activated carbon and biomass energy producers. Accomplishing this goal requires the successful implementation of the following strategies:

- increase the capacity of activated carbon production;
- expand customer base;
- focus on products with growing demand;
- increase research and development efforts; and
- explore new business opportunities.

Our Challenges

We face risks and uncertainties in realizing our business objectives and executing our strategies, including those relating to:

- an interruption of supply or increases in the prices of raw materials;
- our reliance on a small number of major customers;
- our reliance on a limited number of suppliers;
- the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") outbreak;
- uncertainties as to the future of existing and planned environmental and health and safety laws and regulations;
- a failure to protect our intellectual property rights; and
- the intense competition we face.

See "Risk Factors" and other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties that we face.

Recent Developments

Forward Split

On April 15, 2020, our shareholders and board of directors approved (i) a forward split of our outstanding Ordinary Shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share, and (ii) the creation of a new class of convertible preferred shares of no par value. On April 16, 2020, we filed our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs of the British Virgin Islands (the "BVI Registrar") to effect such corporate actions, which filing became effective on April 20, 2020. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to Ordinary Shares, options to purchase Ordinary Shares, share data, per share data, and related information have been retroactively adjusted, where applicable, in this prospectus to reflect the forward split of our Ordinary Shares as if it had occurred at the beginning of the earlier period presented.

The Preferred Share Offering

On April 20, 2020, we issued an aggregate of 500,000 Convertible Preferred Shares (the "Preferred Shares") to Wei Lian and Zhenyan Yu (the "Preferred Share Investors") for a total consideration of \$1,800,000 pursuant to certain Share Purchase Agreement dated April 3, 2020. The Preferred Share Investors are not affiliates or "related persons," as such term is defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K. We refer to this private placement transaction as the "Preferred Share Offering."

Upon our register of members being updated at the closing of our initial public offering, the Preferred Shares will automatically convert into Ordinary Shares at a conversion price equal to a 10% discount to the initial public offering price in this offering. As a result, the investors in this offering will experience immediate dilution when the Preferred Shares are automatically converted. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to this Offering and the Trading Market—You will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of Ordinary Shares purchased."

The issuance and sale of Preferred Shares was made in reliance on an exemption from registration contained in Regulation S of the Securities Act. The securities sold in the Preferred Share Offering are not registered by the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and have not been registered

under the Securities Act, and may be offered or sold only pursuant to an effective registration statement or pursuant to an available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Unless the context requires otherwise, all reference to the number of Ordinary Shares to be outstanding after our initial public offering is based on 15,444,444 Ordinary Shares (including the 444,444 Ordinary Shares issued upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares) and assumes no exercise by the Underwriter of its over-allotment option.

Corporate Information

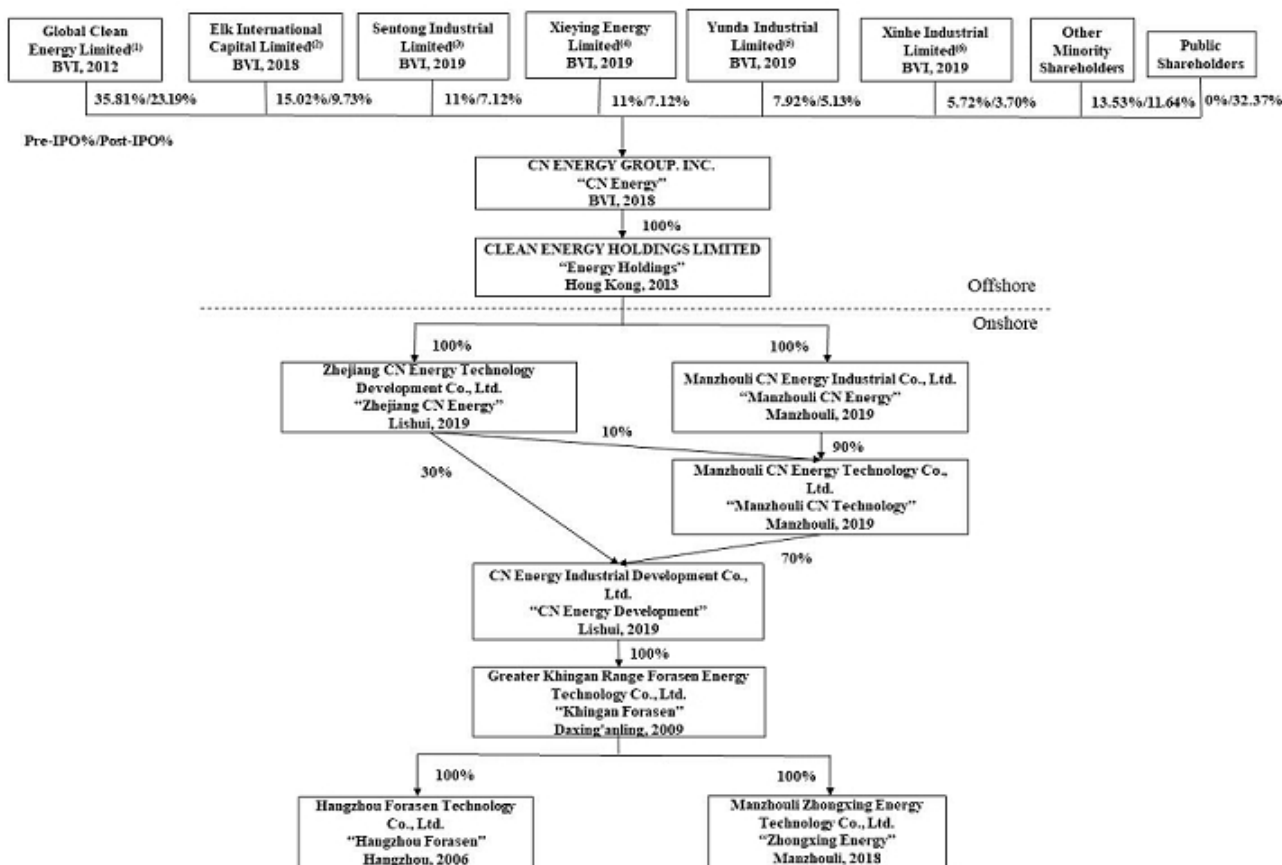
Our principal executive offices are located at FPI Center Room A-901, No. 459 Qianmo Road, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, PRC, and our phone number is +86-571-87555824. Our registered office in the British Virgin Islands is located at Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and the phone number of our registered office is +1 284-495-8295. We maintain a corporate website at www.cneny.com. The information contained in, or accessible from, our website or any other website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

Corporate History and Structure

In connection with this offering, we have undertaken a reorganization of our legal structure (the “Reorganization”). The Reorganization involved the incorporation of CN Energy, a British Virgin Islands holding company; the incorporation of Energy Holdings, a Hong Kong holding company; the incorporation of Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy, two new wholly foreign-owned enterprises (“WFOEs”) formed by Energy Holdings under the laws of the PRC; the incorporation of Manzhouli CN Technology, a PRC company, of which 90% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Energy, and the remaining 10% by Zhejiang CN Energy; the incorporation of CN Energy Development, a PRC company, of which 70% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Technology and the remaining 30% by Zhejiang CN Energy; the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen by CN Energy Development; and the issuance of a total of 10,000,000 ordinary shares of CN Energy (reflecting an approximate or rounded 71.62-for-1 forward split of our Ordinary Shares on April 20, 2020) to the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen. In relation to the Reorganization, a series of agreements were signed among CN Energy, the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen, CN Energy Development, and offshore holding companies controlled by the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen on August 12, 2019 and August 28, 2019.

As a result of the Reorganization, CN Energy, the ultimate holding company, owns 100% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, which in turn owns 100% of the equity interests of Hangzhou Forasen and Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Zhongxing Energy”).

The following diagram illustrates our corporate structure after the Reorganization and upon completion of this offering based on (i) 5,000,000 Ordinary Shares being offered, (ii) the issuance of 444,444 Ordinary Shares upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares, and (iii) assuming the Underwriter does not exercise its over-allotment option. *For more details on our corporate history, please refer to “Business—Corporate History and Structure.”*



Notes:

- (1) Represents 3,580,969 Ordinary Shares held by Yefang Zhang, the 100% owner of Global Clean Energy Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (2) Represents 1,502,002 Ordinary Shares held by Wangfeng Yan, the 100% owner of Elk International Capital Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (3) Represents 1,100,002 Ordinary Shares held by Kaiyu Liu, the 100% owner of Sentong Industrial Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (4) Represents 1,100,002 Ordinary Shares held by Yiyue Ye, the 100% owner of Xieying Energy Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (5) Represents 791,967 Ordinary Shares held by Jing Wang, the 100% owner of Yunda Industrial Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (6) Represents 572,024 Ordinary Shares held by Jingmin Liu, the 100% owner of Xinhe Industrial Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.

For details of each shareholder’s ownership, please refer to the beneficial ownership table in the section captioned “Principal Shareholders.”

Implications of Our Being an “Emerging Growth Company”

As a company with less than \$1.07 billion in revenue during our last fiscal year, we qualify as an “emerging growth company” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. An “emerging growth company” may take advantage of reduced reporting requirements that are otherwise applicable to larger public companies. In particular, as an emerging growth company, we:

- may present only two years of audited financial statements and only two years of related Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, or “MD&A;”
- are not required to provide a detailed narrative disclosure discussing our compensation principles, objectives and elements and analyzing how those elements fit with our principles and objectives, which is commonly referred to as “compensation discussion and analysis”;
- are not required to obtain an attestation and report from our auditors on our management’s assessment of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;
- are not required to obtain a non-binding advisory vote from our shareholders on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements (commonly referred to as the “say-on-pay,” “say-on frequency” and “say-on-golden-parachute” votes);
- are exempt from certain executive compensation disclosure provisions requiring a pay-for-performance graph and chief executive officer pay ratio disclosure;
- are eligible to claim longer phase-in periods for the adoption of new or revised financial accounting standards under §107 of the JOBS Act; and
- will not be required to conduct an evaluation of our internal control over financial reporting until our second annual report on Form 20-F following the effectiveness of our initial public offering.

We intend to take advantage of all of these reduced reporting requirements and exemptions, including the longer phase-in periods for the adoption of new or revised financial accounting standards under §107 of the JOBS Act. Our election to use the phase-in periods may make it difficult to compare our financial statements to those of non-emerging growth companies and other emerging growth companies that have opted out of the phase-in periods under §107 of the JOBS Act.

Under the JOBS Act, we may take advantage of the above-described reduced reporting requirements and exemptions until we no longer meet the definition of an emerging growth company. The JOBS Act provides that we would cease to be an “emerging growth company” at the end of the fiscal year in which the fifth anniversary of our initial sale of common equity pursuant to a registration statement declared effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, herein referred to as the Securities Act occurred, if we have more than \$1.07 billion in annual revenue, have more than \$700 million in market value of our Ordinary Share held by non-affiliates, or issue more than \$1 billion in principal amount of non-convertible debt over a three-year period.

Foreign Private Issuer Status

We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of the rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). As such, we are exempt from certain provisions applicable to United States domestic public companies. For example:

- we are not required to provide as many Exchange Act reports, or as frequently, as a U.S. domestic public company;
- for interim reporting, we are permitted to comply solely with our home country requirements, which are less rigorous than the rules that apply to domestic public companies;
- we are not required to provide the same level of disclosure on certain issues, such as executive compensation;
- we are exempt from provisions of Regulation FD aimed at preventing issuers from making selective disclosures of material information;
- we are not required to comply with the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents, or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act; and
- we are not required to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their share ownership and trading activities and establishing insider liability for profits realized from any “short-swing” trading transaction.

THE OFFERING

Ordinary Shares offered by us	5,000,000 Ordinary Shares, or 5,750,000 Ordinary Shares if the Underwriter exercises its over-allotment option in full
Ordinary Shares outstanding before this offering	10,000,000 Ordinary Shares
Ordinary Shares outstanding after this offering	<p>15,444,444 Ordinary Shares assuming no exercise of the Underwriter's over-allotment option, excluding 250,000 Ordinary Shares underlying the Underwriter Warrants, and including the 444,444 Ordinary Shares issued upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares at a conversion price equal to a 10% discount to the initial public offering price in this offering</p> <p>16,194,444 Ordinary Shares assuming full exercise of the Underwriter's over-allotment option, excluding 250,000 Ordinary Shares underlying the Underwriter Warrants, and including the 444,444 Ordinary Shares issued upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares at a conversion price equal to a 10% discount to the initial public offering price in this offering</p>
Price per Ordinary Share	We currently estimate that the initial public offering price will be in the range of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per Ordinary Share.

Listing	We will apply to have our Ordinary Shares listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market.
Ticker symbol	“CNEY”
Transfer agent	VStock Transfer, LLC
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the proceeds from this offering to fund the construction of a new manufacturing facility in Manzhouli City and for research and development, working capital, and general corporate purposes. See “ <i>Use of Proceeds</i> ” on page 36 for more information.
Lock-up	All of our directors and officers and our other shareholders have agreed with the Underwriter, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell, transfer, or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any of our Ordinary Shares or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our Ordinary Shares for a period of 180 days after the effective date of this registration statement. See “ <i>Shares Eligible for Future Sale</i> ” and “ <i>Underwriting</i> ” for more information.
Risk factors	The Ordinary Shares offered hereby involve a high degree of risk. <i>You should read “Risk Factors,” beginning on page 12 for a discussion of factors to consider before deciding to invest in our Ordinary Shares.</i>

SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected historical statements of operations for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, and balance sheet data as of September 30, 2019 and 2018 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements for those periods. The following summary consolidated financial data for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, have been derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and have been prepared on the same basis as our audited consolidated financial statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected in the future. You should read this data together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus as well as “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” appearing elsewhere in the prospectus.

(All amounts in U.S. dollars)

Statements of Operations Data:

	For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2020	For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2019
Revenue	\$ 3,943,459	\$ 4,768,077
Gross profit	\$ 1,090,908	\$ 1,411,701
Operating expenses	\$ 796,871	\$ 970,980
Income from operations	\$ 294,037	\$ 440,721
Provision for Income taxes	\$ 23,516	\$ 21,526
Net income	\$ 522,827	\$ 684,137

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2018
Revenue	\$ 10,893,164	\$ 8,091,937
Gross profit	\$ 2,972,285	\$ 1,817,453
Operating expenses	\$ 1,784,378	\$ 762,175
Income from operations	\$ 1,187,907	\$ 1,055,278
Provision for Income taxes	\$ 108,811	\$ 112,629
Net income	\$ 1,667,812	\$ 1,562,618

Balance Sheet Data:

	As of March 31, 2020	As of September 30, 2019
Current assets	\$ 10,067,415	\$ 10,009,100
Total assets	\$ 23,917,563	\$ 24,222,051
Current liabilities	\$ 4,682,627	\$ 5,722,156
Total liabilities	\$ 5,280,723	\$ 6,226,438
Total shareholders’ equity	\$ 18,636,840	\$ 17,995,613

	As of September 30, 2019	As of September 30, 2018
Current assets	\$ 10,009,100	\$ 12,406,833
Total assets	\$ 24,222,051	\$ 24,348,545
Current liabilities	\$ 6,226,438	\$ 7,308,344
Total liabilities	\$ 6,226,438	\$ 7,308,344
Total shareholders’ equity	\$ 17,995,613	\$ 17,040,201

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our Ordinary Shares involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to invest in our Ordinary Shares, you should consider carefully the risks described below, together with all of the other information set forth in this prospectus, including the section titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our consolidated financial statements and related notes. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow could be materially and adversely affected, which could cause the trading price of our Ordinary Shares to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. The risks described below and in the other information in this prospectus referenced above are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business. You should only consider investing in our Ordinary Shares if you can bear the risk of loss of your entire investment.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our financial results could be materially and adversely affected by an interruption of supply of raw materials.

We are dependent on a variety of raw materials (including forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes) that support our manufacturing activities. Our ability to meet our customers’ needs depends heavily on an uninterrupted supply of these materials. Although we source strategic raw materials from multiple suppliers whenever possible and have instituted back-up procedures or contracted with a secondary supplier for any raw material that is sourced primarily from one location or supplier, production problems, lack of capacity, breach of contractual obligations by our third-party suppliers, changes in their financial or business condition or planned and unplanned shutdowns of their production facilities that affect their ability to supply us with raw materials that meet our specifications, or at all, could disrupt our ability to supply products to our customers. In addition, interruptions in raw material supply caused by events outside our suppliers’ control, such as wildfires, labor disputes, or transportation disruptions, could also disrupt our ability to meet customer demand. These supply disruptions could cause us to miss deliveries and breach our contracts, which could damage our relationships with our customers and subject us to claims for damages under our contracts. If any of these events were to occur for more than a temporary period, we may not be able to make arrangements for transition supply and qualified replacement suppliers on terms acceptable to us or at all, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Increases in the prices of raw materials could materially and adversely affect our financial results.

If the prices we have to pay for raw materials under our existing supply contracts or under replacement supply contracts increase, we could face significantly higher production costs. Although our long-term supply contracts typically provide for a specific price, increases in raw material prices could adversely affect our ability to renew these contracts on similar terms or at all. Similarly, increases in raw material prices could adversely affect our ability to enter into shorter-term supply agreements at favorable prices. We may not be able to pass the whole price increase through to our customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial results.

A majority of our activated carbon sales are currently derived from a small number of customers. If any of these customers experiences a material business disruption, we would likely incur substantial losses of revenue.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, three major customers accounted for approximately 39%, 30%, and 15% of our total sales, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, four major customers accounted for approximately 15%, 14%, 12%, and 10% of our total sales, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, one major customer accounted for approximately 44% of our total sales. Our major customers may change as we adjust marketing strategies, and any material business disruption affecting our major customers or any decrease in sales to our major customers may negatively impact our operations and cash flows if we fail to increase our sales to other customers.

We have sourced our raw materials primarily from a limited number of suppliers. If we lose one or more of the suppliers, our operation may be disrupted, and our results of operations may be adversely and materially impacted.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, we sourced 62%, 17%, and 6% of our raw materials from our top three suppliers, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, we sourced 13%, 12%, and 11% of our raw materials from our top three suppliers, respectively; for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, we sourced 22%, 21%, and 12% of our raw materials from our top three suppliers, respectively. If we lose one or more of these suppliers and are unable to swiftly engage new suppliers, our production operation may be disrupted or even suspended, and we may not be able to deliver products to our customers on time. We may also have to pay a higher price to source from a different supplier on short notice. While we are actively searching for and negotiating with new suppliers, there is no guarantee that we will be able to locate appropriate new suppliers in our desired timeline. As a result, our results of operations may be adversely and materially impacted.

A disruption or delay in production at our existing production facilities could have a material adverse effect on our financial results.

If our production facilities were to cease production unexpectedly in whole or in part, our sales and financial results could be materially and adversely affected. Such a disruption could be caused by a number of different events, including:

- maintenance outages;
- prolonged power failures;
- equipment failures or malfunctions;
- fires, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other catastrophes;
- potential unrest or terrorist activities;
- labor difficulties; or
- other construction, design, or operational problems, including those related to the granting, or the timetable for granting, of permits.

If any of these or other events were to result in a material disruption of our current manufacturing operations, production of our products may be delayed and our ability to meet our production capacity targets and satisfy customer requirements may be materially adversely affected or we may be required to recognize impairment charges, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial results. In addition, a prolonged shutdown of any of our production facilities could cause us to miss deliveries and breach our contracts, which could damage our relationships with our customers and subject us to claims for damages under our contracts. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

We rely on third-party manufacturers to produce some of our activated carbon products and problems with, or loss of, these manufacturers could harm our business and operating results.

We have outsourced some of our customer orders to third-party manufacturers to keep up with the demand for our activated carbon products. We face the risk that these third-party manufacturers may not produce and deliver activated carbon products on a timely basis, or at all. We may also experience difficulties with our third-party manufacturers since they do not have the same manufacturing processes or quality control as we do. These difficulties include reductions in the availability of production capacity, errors in complying with product specifications and regulatory and customer requirements, failures to meet production deadlines, failure to achieve our product quality standards, increases in costs of materials, and manufacturing or other business interruptions. The ability of our third-party manufacturers to effectively satisfy our production requirements could also be impacted by manufacturer financial difficulty or damage to their operations caused by fire, a terrorist attack, natural disasters, or other events. Although we carefully select third-party manufacturers, the failure of any manufacturer to perform to our expectations could result in supply shortages or delays for our activated carbon products and harm our business. If we experience significantly increased demand, or if we need to replace an existing manufacturer due to lack of performance, we may be unable to supplement or replace their manufacturing capacity on a timely basis, or identify manufacturers with the same or similar quality controls in place as the existing manufacturers do, or on terms that are acceptable to us, which may increase our costs, reduce our margins, and harm our ability to deliver our activated carbon products on time.

We may incur delays and budget overruns with respect to a facility under construction. Any such delays or cost overruns may have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

We are currently constructing a new facility in Manzhouli City. Such construction projects entail significant risks that can give rise to delays or cost overruns, including the following:

- insufficient capital to complete construction;
- shortage of material or skilled labor;
- unforeseen engineering, environmental, or geological problems;
- work stoppages;
- weather interference;
- floods, typhoons, and other natural disasters;
- delays or failures in obtaining the requisite construction licenses, permits, and certificates;
- unanticipated cost increases; and
- legal or political challenges.

The anticipated costs and construction periods are based upon budgets, conceptual design documents, and construction estimates prepared by us in consultation with our architects and contractors. Construction, equipment, staffing requirements, and problems or difficulties in obtaining and maintaining any of the requisite licenses, permits, allocations, or authorizations from regulatory authorities can increase the costs or delay the construction or commencement of production or otherwise affect the planned design and features of the facility. We cannot be sure that we will not exceed the budgeted costs of the facility or that the facility will commence production within the contemplated time frame, if at all. Budget overruns and delays with respect to the construction could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

Our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows for 2020 have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

In December 2019, COVID-19 was first identified in Wuhan, China. Less than four months later, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic—the first pandemic caused by a coronavirus. The outbreak has reached more than 160 countries, resulting in the

implementation of significant governmental measures, including lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans, intended to control the spread of the virus. The Chinese government has ordered quarantines, travel restrictions, and the temporary closure of stores and facilities. Companies are also taking precautions, such as requiring employees to work remotely, imposing travel restrictions and temporarily closing businesses.

Because of the shelter-in-place orders and travel restrictions mandated by the Chinese government, employees of Tahe Biopower Plant and Hangzhou Forasen could not return to work after the Chinese New Year and the transportation of raw materials and activated carbon was delayed or even stopped during January and February 2020, which adversely impacted our production and sales during that period. In addition, we have suspended the construction of our new facility in Manzhouli City due to the impact of COVID-19 and bad weather. Although our production and sales have started to recover since the end of March 2020 and we currently expect to continue the construction of our new facility in Manzhouli City in August 2020, if COVID-19 further impacts our production and sales or delays the construction, our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows could continue to be adversely affected.

Although the COVID-19 outbreak seems to have been under relative control in China since May 2020, it may continue to materially adversely affect our business operations and condition and operating results for 2020, including but not limited to material negative impact on our total revenue, slower collection of accounts receivables, and additional allowance for doubtful accounts. Because of the significant uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, we cannot reasonably estimate the extent of the business disruption and the related financial impact at this time.

Uncertainties as to the future of existing and planned environmental and health and safety laws and regulations, as well as delays of or changes to these laws and regulations, could have a material adverse effect on demand for our products.

Our strategic growth initiatives rely significantly upon the enactment of restrictive environmental and health and safety laws and regulations, particularly those that would require industrial facilities to reduce the quantity of air and water pollutants they release. If stricter regulations are delayed, are not enacted as proposed, are enacted but subsequently repealed or amended to be less strict or are enacted with prolonged phase-in periods, demand for our products could be materially and adversely affected and we may not be able to meet sales growth and return on invested capital targets, which could materially and adversely affect our financial results.

For example, a significant market driver for our activated carbon products and biomass electricity is the State Council of the PRC (the “State Council”)’s Notice on Issuing the Work Plan for Greenhouse Gas Emission Control During the 13th Five-Year Plan Period (the “Work Plan”), which supports the development of clean energy, including biomass electricity, and restricts the emission of industrial pollutants. Although the Work Plan would potentially promote the use of activated carbon products, we are unable to predict with certainty when and how this Work Plan will affect demand for our products. Changes to, or delays in implementing, the Work Plan could reduce or delay an expected increase in future demand for our products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

On the other hand, increased costs to utilities and other potential customers in complying with environmental regulations could limit production and reduce or delay an expected increase in demand for our products, which could also have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Disclosure of our trade secrets and other proprietary information, or a failure to adequately protect these or our other intellectual property rights, could result in increased competition and have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Our ability to compete effectively depends in part on our ability to obtain, maintain, and protect our trade secrets, proprietary information, and other intellectual property rights. We rely on a combination of trade secret, patent, trademark, and copyright laws, as well as contractual restrictions and physical security measures, to protect our proprietary information and other intellectual property rights.

Where we believe patent protection is not appropriate or obtainable, we rely on trade secret laws and practices to protect our proprietary technology and processes, including physical security, limited dissemination and access and confidentiality agreements with our employees, customers, consultants, business partners, potential licensees and others, to protect our trade secrets and other proprietary information. However, trade secrets are difficult to protect, and courts outside the PRC may be less willing to protect our trade secrets. There can be no assurance that our protective measures will effectively prevent disclosure or unauthorized use of proprietary information or provide an adequate remedy in the event of misappropriation, infringement, or other violations of our proprietary information and other intellectual property rights.

Existing laws afford only limited protection for our intellectual property rights. Despite our efforts, we may not be able to protect some of our technology, or the protection that we receive may not be sufficient. We face additional risks that our protective measures, including our patents and trademarks, could prove to be inadequate, including:

- the steps we take to prevent circumvention, misappropriation, or infringement of our proprietary rights may not be successful;
- confidentiality agreements may be intentionally or unintentionally breached, be deemed unenforceable, or not provide adequate recourse against the disclosing party;
- intellectual property laws may not sufficiently support our proprietary rights or may change in the future in a manner adverse to us;
- patent or trademark rights may not be granted or construed as we expect, or may be challenged, narrowed, or invalidated;
- intellectual property protection, including patents, may lapse or expire which may result in key technology becoming widely available which may hurt our competitive position;
- effective protection of intellectual property rights may be unavailable or limited in some countries in which we operate or plan to do business;
- third parties may independently develop or obtain comparable information and technology, and in some jurisdictions, obtain intellectual property protection for such technology; and
- third parties may commercialize our products in countries in which we do not have adequate intellectual property protection.

From time to time, we may seek to enforce our intellectual property and proprietary rights against third parties. Policing unauthorized use of intellectual property can be difficult and expensive. We may not be successful in our attempts to enforce our intellectual property rights against third parties. Any such litigation may result in substantial diversion of financial and management resources and, if decided unfavorably to us, could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Third parties may claim that our products or processes infringe their intellectual property rights, which may cause us to pay unexpected litigation costs or damages or prevent us from selling our products.

It is our intention to avoid infringing, misappropriating, or otherwise violating the intellectual property rights of others. However, we cannot be certain that the conduct of our business or our products or processes do not infringe or otherwise violate these rights. From time to time, we may become subject to legal proceedings, including allegations and claims of alleged infringement or misappropriation by us of the patents and other intellectual property rights of third parties. As our business expands and faces increasing competition, the number of such claims may grow. In addition, attempts to enforce our own intellectual property claims may subject us to counterclaims that our intellectual property rights are invalid, unenforceable, or are licensed to the party against whom we are asserting the claim or that we are infringing that party's alleged intellectual property rights.

Legal proceedings involving intellectual property rights, regardless of merit, are highly uncertain and can involve complex legal and scientific analyses, can be time consuming, expensive to litigate or settle, and can significantly divert resources. Our failure to prevail in such matters could result in loss of intellectual property rights or judgments awarding substantial damages and injunctive or other equitable relief against us. If we were to be held liable or discover or be notified that our products or processes potentially infringe or otherwise violate the intellectual property rights of others, we may face a loss of reputation, may not be able to exploit some or all of our intellectual property rights or technology, and may need to obtain licenses from third parties or substantially re-engineer our products or processes in order to avoid infringement. We might not be able to obtain the necessary licenses on acceptable terms, or at all, or be able to re-engineer our products or processes successfully or cost effectively and these efforts may cause us to delay or stop selling and marketing our products or processes.

Any of the foregoing may require considerable effort and expense, result in substantial increases in operating costs, delay or inhibit sales, and may preclude us from effectively competing in the marketplace, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Compliance with environmental and other laws and regulations could result in significant costs and liabilities.

The operation and expansion of our manufacturing facilities are subject to strict environmental laws and regulations at the state, provincial, and local level in various jurisdictions, and, over the next several years, we expect that we and the industry in general will become subject to new or more stringent environmental requirements. These laws and regulations generally require us to obtain and comply with various environmental registrations, licenses, permits, inspections, and other approvals. As required by the current laws and regulations, Khinghan Forasen obtained the License of Pollutant Discharges on February 27, 2020 with a term of three years. Under certain environmental, health, and safety laws, we could be held responsible for any and all liabilities and consequences arising out of past or future releases of hazardous materials, human exposure to these substances, and other environmental damage, in some cases, without regard to fault. The discovery of contamination at any of our current site or at locations at which we dispose of waste may expose us to clean-up expenditures and other damages imposed by government agencies. In addition, private parties may have the right to pursue legal action to enforce compliance as well as to seek damages for non-compliance with such laws and regulations or for personal injury or property damage. Currently, we do not carry insurance that covers environmental risks and costs. Although we intend to procure environmental insurance in the future, such insurance may not cover all environmental risks and costs or may not provide sufficient coverage in the event an environmental claim is made against us.

Our operations emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Currently there are no industrial standards in the PRC specifying the emission of pollutants for activated carbon production. We are subject to the PRC environmental laws and regulations on air pollution prevention in general. A number of other legislative and regulatory measures to address greenhouse gas emissions, including the Kyoto Protocol and the Draft Emission Standards of Activated Carbon Industrial Pollutants, are in various phases of implementation or discussion. The systems and measures could result in increased costs for us to install new controls to reduce hazardous air emissions from our facilities, to purchase air emissions credits or allowances, or to monitor and inventory greenhouse gas emissions from our operations.

Even though we devote considerable efforts to comply with environmental laws, regulations, and permits, there can be no assurance that our operations will at all times be in compliance with them. The enactment of new environmental laws and regulations, the more stringent interpretation or enforcement of existing requirements, or the imposition of liabilities under environmental laws could force us to incur costs for compliance, capital upgrades, or liabilities relating to damage claims or limit our current or planned operations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Our operations are subject to various litigation risks that could increase our expenses and have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

The nature of our operations exposes us to possible litigation claims, including environmental damage and remediation, intellectual property, workers' compensation and other employee-related matters, insurance coverage, and property rights and easements. Any claim could be adversely decided against us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results. Similarly, the costs associated with defending claims could dramatically increase our expenses as litigation is often very expensive, divert management's attention, and impact our profitability. If we become involved in any litigation, we may be forced to direct our resources to defending or prosecuting the claim, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

We may not be able to keep up with competitive changes affecting the activated carbon industry.

The activated carbon industry is characterized by evolving industry and end-market standards, changing regulation, frequent enhancements to existing products and technologies, introduction of new products and changing customer demand, all of which can result in unpredictable product transitions, shortened lifecycles and increased importance of being first to market with new products. The success of our new products depends on their initial and continued acceptance by our customers. If we are not able to anticipate changes or develop and introduce new and enhanced products that are accepted by our customers on a timely basis and compete with new technologies, our ability to remain competitive may be adversely affected. In addition, we may experience difficulties in the research, development, production, or marketing of new products, which may delay us in bringing new products to market and prevent us from recouping or realizing a return on our investments. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

The activated carbon industry is highly competitive, and if we are unable to compete effectively with existing competitors, or with new entrants, our business and financial results could be materially and adversely affected.

We compete in the PRC market with producers and importers of activated carbon. Our business faces significant competition from other PRC producers of activated carbon, some of which may from time to time have revenue and capital resources exceeding ours, which they may use to develop more advanced or more cost-effective technologies, increase market share, or leverage their distribution networks. In addition, new competitors and alliances may emerge to take market share away from us. Our competitive position in the market in which we operate depends upon the relative strength of these competitors in the market and the relative resources they devote to competing in the market. We could experience reduced sales and loss of market share, which could lead to lower prices and decreased revenue, gross margins and profits, any of which could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations.

Development of competitive technologies could materially and adversely affect our business and financial results.

Activated carbon is utilized in various applications as a cost-effective solution to address our customers' needs. If other competitive technologies or alternative processes or combinations of technologies or processes, such as alternate sorbents, resins, certain types of membranes, ozone, and ultraviolet, are advanced to the stage at which they could compete on a cost-effective basis with activated carbon technologies, we could experience a decline in demand for our products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Competitive technologies and new regulations may also affect our customers, and therefore us. For example, a shift away from coal-burning technology due to environmental trends and regulations or new technologies could diminish future demand for our activated carbon products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

If we fail to hire, train, and retain qualified managerial and other employees, our business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We place substantial reliance on the activated carbon and biomass electricity market experience and knowledge of our senior management team as well as their relationships with other industry participants. We do not carry, and do not intend to procure, key person insurance on any of our senior management team. The loss of the services of one or more members of our senior management team due to their departure, or otherwise, could hinder our ability to effectively manage our business and implement our growth strategies. Finding suitable replacements for our current senior management could be difficult, and competition for such personnel of similar experience is intense. If we fail to retain our senior management, our business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

The market for engineers and other individuals with the required technical expertise to succeed in our business is highly competitive. There may be a limited supply of qualified individuals in some of the cities in China where we have operations and other cities into which we intend to expand. We must hire and train qualified managerial and other employees on a timely basis to keep pace with our rapid growth while maintaining consistent quality of services across our operations in various geographic locations. We must also provide continuous training to our managerial and other employees so that they are equipped with up-to-date knowledge of various aspects of our operations and can meet our demand for high-quality products. If we fail to do so, the quality of our products may decrease in one or more of the markets where we operate, which in turn, may cause a negative perception of our brand and adversely affect our business.

The lease agreement of one of our leased properties has not been registered with the relevant PRC government authorities as required by PRC laws, which may expose us to potential fines.

Under PRC laws, all lease agreements are required to be registered with the local land and real estate administration bureau. Although failure to do so does not in itself invalidate the leases, the lessees may not be able to defend these leases against bona fide third parties and may also be exposed to potential fines if they fail to rectify such non-compliance within the prescribed time frame after receiving notice from the relevant PRC government authorities. The penalty ranges from RMB1,000 to RMB10,000 for each unregistered lease, at the discretion of the relevant authority. As of the date of this prospectus, we have registered the lease agreement for our headquarters but not the lease agreement of the leased properties of Tahe Biopower Plant with the relevant PRC government authorities. In the event that any fine is imposed on us for our failure to register our lease agreement, we may not be able to recover such losses from the lessors. However, as the fines, if any, will be minor, our business and financial results will not be materially affected.

We depend on third parties for certain construction, maintenance, engineering, transportation, warehousing, and logistics services.

We contract with third parties, typically for a period of six to 18 months, for certain services relating to the design, construction, and maintenance of various components of our production facilities and other systems. If these third parties fail to comply with their obligations, we may experience delay in the completion of new facilities or expansions of existing facilities or the facilities may not operate as intended, which may result in delays in the production of our products and materially and adversely affect our ability to meet our production capacity targets and satisfy customer requirements or we may be required to recognize impairment charges. In addition, production delays could cause us to miss deliveries and breach our contracts, which could damage our relationships with our customers and subject us to claims for damages under our contracts. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

We also rely primarily on third parties for the transportation of the products we manufacture. Our contracts with these third parties are usually for one to two years. If any of the third parties that we use to transport products are unable to deliver the goods we manufacture in a timely manner, we may be unable to sell these products at full value, or at all, which could cause us to miss deliveries and breach our contracts, which could damage our relationships with our customers and subject us to claims for damages under our contracts. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Future acquisitions may have an adverse effect on our ability to manage our business.

We may acquire businesses, technologies, services, or products which are complementary to our core activated carbon and biomass electricity businesses. Future acquisitions may expose us to potential risks, including risks associated with: the integration of new operations, services and personnel; unforeseen or hidden liabilities; the diversion of resources from our existing business and technology; our potential inability to generate sufficient revenue to offset new costs; the expenses of acquisitions; or the potential loss of or harm to relationships with both employees and customers resulting from our integration of new businesses.

Any of the potential risks listed above could have a material and adverse effect on our ability to manage our business, our revenue, and net income. We may need to raise additional debt funding or sell additional equity securities to make such acquisitions. The raising of additional debt funding by us, if required, would result in increased debt service obligations and could result in additional operating and financing covenants, or liens on our assets, that would restrict our operations. The sale of additional equity securities could result in additional dilution to our shareholders.

Risks Relating to Doing Business in the PRC

A severe or prolonged slowdown in the Chinese economy could materially and adversely affect our business and our financial condition.

The rapid growth of the Chinese economy has slowed down since 2012 and such slowdown may continue. There is considerable uncertainty over the long-term effects of the expansionary monetary and fiscal policies adopted by the central banks and financial authorities of some of the world's leading economies, including the United States and China; the withdrawal of these expansionary monetary and fiscal policies could lead to a contraction. There are also concerns about the relationship among China and other Asian countries, which may result in or intensify potential conflicts in relation to territorial disputes. Economic conditions in China are sensitive to global economic conditions, as well as changes in domestic economic and political policies and the expected or perceived overall economic growth rate in China. Any severe or prolonged slowdown in the Chinese economy would likely materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, continued turbulence in the international markets may adversely affect our ability to access capital markets to meet liquidity needs.

Changes in the policies of the PRC government could have a significant impact upon our ability to operate profitably in the PRC.

We currently conduct all of our operations and all of our revenue is generated in the PRC. Accordingly, economic, political, and legal developments in the PRC will significantly affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects. Policies of the PRC government can have significant effects on economic conditions in the PRC and the ability of businesses to operate profitably. Our ability to operate profitably in the PRC may be adversely affected by changes in policies by the PRC government, including changes in laws, regulations, or their interpretation.

The tariffs by the U.S. government and the trade war between the U.S. and China, and on a larger scale, internationally, may dampen global growth. If the U.S. government, in the future, subjects the products that we produce to tariffs, our business operations and revenue may be negatively impacted.

The U.S. government has recently, among other actions, imposed new or higher tariffs on specified products imported from China to penalize China for what it characterizes as unfair trade practices and China has responded by imposing new or higher tariffs on specified products imported from the United States. Based on our analysis of the list of products affected by the tariffs, we expect that the tariffs will not have a material direct impact on our business operations, as currently, we are based in the PRC, and deliver products to customers exclusively located within the PRC market. In December 2019, China announced that it suspended tariffs on certain products, and the U.S. and China signed a trade deal in January 2020 that cut some U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods in exchange for Chinese pledges to purchase more of American farm, energy, and manufactured goods and address some U.S. complaints about intellectual property practices. The imposed tariffs may cause the depreciation of the RMB currency and a contraction of certain PRC industries that will likely be affected by the tariffs. As such, there is the potential for a decrease in the spending powers of activated carbon and biomass energy customers, which in turn, may lead to a contraction of the PRC activated carbon and biomass energy market. As such, we may have access to fewer business opportunities and our operation may be negatively impacted. In addition, future actions or escalations by either the United States or China that affect trade relations may cause global economic turmoil and potentially have a negative impact on our business and we cannot provide any assurances as to whether such actions will occur or the form that they may take.

Increases in labor costs in the PRC may adversely affect our business and our profitability.

China's economy has experienced increases in labor costs in recent years. China's overall economy and the average wage in China are expected to continue to grow. The average wage level for our employees has also increased in recent years. We expect that our labor costs, including wages and employee benefits, will continue to increase. Unless we are able to pass on these increased labor costs to our customers by increasing prices for our products, our profitability and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, pursuant to the PRC Labor Contract Law, or the "Labor Contract Law," that became effective in January 2008 and its implementing rules that became effective in September 2008 and its amendments that became effective in July 2013, employers are subject to stricter requirements in terms of signing labor contracts, minimum wages, paying remuneration, determining the term of employees' probation and unilaterally terminating labor contracts. In the event that we decide to terminate some of our employees or otherwise change our employment or labor practices, the Labor Contract Law and its implementation rules may limit our ability to effect those changes in a desirable or cost-effective manner, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations. Besides, pursuant to the Labor Contract Law and its amendments, dispatched employees are intended to be a supplementary form of employment and the fundamental form should be direct employment by enterprises and organizations that require employees.

As the interpretation and implementation of labor-related laws and regulations are still evolving, we cannot assure you that our employment practice does not and will not violate labor-related laws and regulations in China, which may subject us to labor disputes or government investigations. If we are deemed to have violated relevant labor laws and regulations, we could be required to provide additional compensation to our employees and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We are not in compliance with the PRC's regulations relating to employee benefit plans, and as a result, we may be subject to penalties if we are not able to remediate the non-compliance.

Companies operating in China are required to participate in various government sponsored employee benefit plans, including certain social insurance, housing funds and other welfare-oriented payment obligations, and contribute to the plans in amounts equal to certain percentages of salaries, including bonuses and allowances, of their employees up to a maximum amount specified by the local government from time to time at locations where they operate their businesses. The requirement of employee benefit plans has not been implemented consistently by the local governments in China given the different levels of economic development in different locations. Our PRC subsidiaries have not paid adequate social insurance and housing provident fund payments for all their employees. The relevant PRC authorities may order us to make up the contributions to these plans. In addition, failure to make adequate social insurance payments may subject us to 0.05% late fees per day starting from the date of underpayment, and fines equal to one to three times the underpaid amount if we cannot make up the payments within the prescribed time. For failure to open the housing provident fund accounts for all our employees within the prescribed time, we may be ordered to open the accounts within the prescribed time, and if we cannot do so, we may be fined RMB10,000 to RMB50,000. For failure to make the adequate housing provident fund contributions, we may be ordered by the competent authorities to make such contributions within the prescribed time and any delay in doing so may subject us to a court order to make up the contributions. If we are subject to late fees or fines in relation to underpaid employee benefits, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. However, the risk of regulatory penalty that the relevant authorities may impose on our PRC subsidiaries for our failure to make adequate contributions to the employee benefit plans for all our employees as required is remote, because we have not received any order from the relevant local authorities requiring us to make up the payments for employee benefit plans, and the relevant local authorities confirmed in writing that no records of violation were found on our PRC subsidiaries for social insurance plan.

Because we are a British Virgin Islands corporation and all of our business is conducted in the PRC, you may be unable to bring an action against us or our officers and directors or to enforce any judgment you may obtain. It may also be difficult for you or overseas regulators to conduct investigations or collect evidence within China.

We are incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and conduct our operations primarily in China. All of our assets are located outside of the United States and the proceeds of this offering will primarily be held in banks outside of the United States. In addition, almost all of our directors and officers reside outside of the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for you to bring an action against us or against these individuals in the United States in the event that you believe we have violated your rights, either under United States federal or state securities laws or otherwise, or if you have a claim against us. Even if you are successful in bringing an action of this kind, the laws of the British Virgin Islands and of China may not permit you to enforce a judgment against our assets or the assets of our directors and officers. See *"Enforceability of Civil Liabilities."*

It may also be difficult for you or overseas regulators to conduct investigations or collect evidence within China. For example, in China, there are significant legal and other obstacles to obtaining information needed for shareholder investigations or litigation outside China or otherwise with respect to foreign entities. Although the authorities in China may establish a regulatory cooperation mechanism with its counterparts of another country or region to monitor and oversee cross-border securities activities, such regulatory cooperation with the securities regulatory authorities in the United States may not be efficient in the absence of a practical cooperation mechanism. Furthermore, according to Article 177 of the PRC Securities Law, or "Article 177," which became effective in March 2020, no overseas securities regulator is allowed to directly conduct investigations or evidence collection activities within the territory of the PRC. Article 177 further provides that Chinese entities and individuals are not allowed to provide documents or materials related to securities business activities to foreign agencies without prior consent from the securities regulatory authority of the PRC State Council and the competent departments of the PRC State Council. While detailed interpretation of or implementing rules under Article 177 have yet to be promulgated, the inability for an overseas securities regulator to directly conduct investigation or evidence collection activities within China may further increase difficulties faced by you in protecting your interests.

Recent joint statement by the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), or the "PCAOB," proposed rule changes submitted by Nasdaq, and an act passed by the U.S. Senate all call for additional and more stringent criteria to be applied to emerging market companies upon assessing the qualification of their auditors, especially the non-U.S. auditors who are not inspected by the PCAOB. These developments could add uncertainties to our offering.

On April 21, 2020, SEC Chairman Jay Clayton and PCAOB Chairman William D. Duhnke III, along with other senior SEC staff, released a joint statement highlighting the risks associated with investing in companies based in or have substantial operations in emerging markets including China. The joint statement emphasized the risks associated with lack of access for the PCAOB to inspect auditors and audit work papers in China and higher risks of fraud in emerging markets.

On May 18, 2020, Nasdaq filed three proposals with the SEC to (i) apply a minimum offering size requirement for companies primarily operating in a “Restrictive Market,” (ii) adopt a new requirement relating to the qualification of management or the board of directors for Restrictive Market companies, and (iii) apply additional and more stringent criteria to an applicant or listed company based on the qualifications of the company’s auditor.

On May 20, 2020, the U.S. Senate passed an act requiring a foreign company to certify it is not owned or manipulated by a foreign government if the PCAOB is unable to audit specified reports because the company uses a foreign auditor not subject to PCAOB inspection. If the PCAOB is unable to inspect the company’s auditor for three consecutive years, the issuer’s securities are prohibited to trade on a national exchange.

On June 4, 2020, the U.S. President issued a memorandum ordering the President’s working group on financial markets to submit a report to the President within 60 days of the date of the memorandum that should include recommendations for actions that can be taken by the executive branch and by the SEC or PCAOB to enforce U.S. regulatory requirements on Chinese companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges and their audit firms. However, it remains unclear what further actions, if any, the U.S. executive branch, the SEC, and PCAOB will take to address the problem.

The lack of access to the PCAOB inspection in China prevents the PCAOB from fully evaluating audits and quality control procedures of the auditors based in China. As a result, investors may be deprived of the benefits of such PCAOB inspections. The inability of the PCAOB to conduct inspections of auditors in China makes it more difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of these accounting firm’s audit procedures or quality control procedures as compared to auditors outside of China that are subject to the PCAOB inspections, which could cause investors and potential investors in our Ordinary Shares to lose confidence in our audit procedures and reported financial information and the quality of our financial statements.

Our auditor, the independent registered public accounting firm that issues the audit report included elsewhere in this prospectus, as an auditor of companies that are traded publicly in the United States and a firm registered with the PCAOB, is subject to laws in the United States pursuant to which the PCAOB conducts regular inspections to assess its compliance with the applicable professional standards. Our auditor is headquartered in Manhattan, New York, and has been inspected by the PCAOB on a regular basis with the last inspection in May 2018. However, the recent developments would add uncertainties to our offering and we cannot assure you whether the national securities exchange we apply to for listing or regulatory authorities would apply additional and more stringent criteria to us after considering the effectiveness of our auditor’s audit procedures and quality control procedures, adequacy of personnel and training, or sufficiency of resources, geographic reach, or experience as it relates to our audit.

PRC regulations relating to offshore investment activities by PRC residents may limit our PRC subsidiaries’ ability to increase their registered capital or distribute profits to us, or otherwise expose us or our PRC resident shareholders to liabilities or penalties.

In July 2014, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”) promulgated the Circular on Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration over the Overseas Investment and Financing and Roundtrip Investment by Domestic Residents via Special Purpose Vehicles, or the “SAFE Circular 37,” which replaced the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Control on Domestic Residents’ Corporate Financing and Roundtrip Investment through Offshore Special Purpose Vehicles. According to the SAFE Circular 37, PRC residents or entities are required to register with SAFE or its local branch in connection with their establishment or control of an offshore entity established for the purpose of overseas investment or financing. PRC residents or entities must update their SAFE registrations when the offshore special purpose vehicle, known as “SPV,” undergoes material events relating to any changes of basic information (such as change of such PRC residents or entities, name and operation term), increase or decrease of investment amount, transfer or exchanges of shares, and mergers or divisions.

As of the date of this prospectus, four of our beneficial owners who are PRC residents have completed the registrations required by the SAFE Circular 37. We have urged all PRC residents or entities who directly or indirectly hold shares in our company and who are currently known to us as being PRC residents to make the necessary applications, filings, and amendments as required under the SAFE Circular 37 and other related rules. We attempt to comply, and attempt to ensure that our shareholders and beneficial owners who are subject to these rules comply with the relevant requirements. We cannot, however, provide any assurances that all of our shareholders or beneficial owners who are PRC residents will comply with our request to comply with the SAFE Circular 37 requirements, nor can we assure that we will be inform of the identities of all the current and future PRC residents or entities holding direct or indirect interest in our company. Failure by any of such shareholders or beneficial owners to comply with relevant requirements under these regulations could subject us to fines or sanctions, restrict our overseas or cross-border investment activities, limit our PRC subsidiaries’ ability to pay dividends or make distributions to us and limit our ability to increase our investment in our PRC subsidiaries, which could adversely affect our business and prospects.

Furthermore, as these foreign exchange regulations are still relatively new and their interpretation and implementation has been constantly evolving, it is unclear how these regulations, and any future regulation concerning offshore or cross-border transactions, will be interpreted, amended and implemented by the relevant government authorities. For example, if we decide to acquire a PRC domestic company, we cannot assure you that we or the owner of such company, as the case may be, will be able to obtain the necessary approvals or complete the necessary filings and registrations required by the foreign exchange regulations. This may restrict our ability to implement our acquisition strategy and could adversely affect our business and prospects.

We may rely on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our PRC subsidiaries to fund any cash and financing requirement we may have, and any limitation on the ability of our subsidiaries to make payments to us and any tax we are required to pay could have a materially adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.

We are a British Virgin Islands holding company and we rely principally on dividends and other distributions on equity from our PRC subsidiaries for our cash requirements, including the funds necessary to pay dividends and other cash distributions to our shareholders and service any debt we may incur. If our PRC subsidiaries incur debt on their own behalf in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us. Any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to distribute dividends or other distributions to us could materially and adversely limit our ability to grow, make investments or acquisitions that could be beneficial to our businesses, pay dividends or otherwise fund and conduct our business.

Under PRC laws and regulations, our PRC subsidiaries, Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy, as wholly foreign-owned enterprises in the PRC, may pay dividends only out of their accumulated profits as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, a wholly foreign-owned enterprise is required to set aside at least 10% of its accumulated after-tax profits each year, if any, to fund certain statutory reserve funds, until the aggregate amount of such fund reaches 50% of its registered capital. At its discretion, a wholly foreign-owned enterprise may allocate a portion of its after-tax profits based on PRC accounting standards to staff welfare and bonus funds. These reserve funds and staff welfare and bonus funds are not distributable as cash dividends.

In response to the persistent capital outflow and the Renminbi's depreciation against U.S. dollar in the fourth quarter of 2016, the People's Bank of China ("PBOC") and SAFE have implemented a series of capital control measures, including stricter vetting procedures for China-based companies to remit foreign currency for overseas acquisitions, dividend payments and shareholder loan repayments. For instance, PBOC issued the Circular on Further Clarification of Relevant Matters Relating to Offshore RMB Loans Provided by Domestic Enterprises, or "PBOC Circular 306," on November 26, 2016, which provides that offshore RMB loans provided by a domestic enterprise to offshore enterprises with which it has an equity relationship shall not exceed 30% of the domestic enterprise's most recent audited owner's equity. PBOC Circular 306 may constrain our PRC subsidiaries' ability to provide offshore loans to us. The PRC government may continue to strengthen its capital controls, and our PRC subsidiaries' dividends and other distributions may be subjected to tighter scrutiny in the future. Any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to us could materially and adversely limit our ability to grow, make investments or acquisitions that could be beneficial to our business, pay dividends, or otherwise fund and conduct our business. *See also* "—Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the 'EIT Law,' we may be classified as a 'resident enterprise' of China, which could result in unfavorable tax consequences to us and our non-PRC shareholders."

PRC regulation of loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies and governmental control of currency conversion may delay or prevent us from using the proceeds of this offering to make loans or additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, which could materially and adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.

Any funds we transfer to our PRC subsidiaries, either as a shareholder loan or as an increase in registered capital, are subject to approval by or registration with relevant governmental authorities in China. According to the relevant PRC regulations on foreign-invested enterprises, or “FIEs,” in China, capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy, which are FIEs, are subject to the approval of or filing with the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC (“MOFCOM”) or its local counterparts and registration with a local bank authorized by SAFE. There is, in effect, no statutory limit on the amount of capital contribution that we can make to our PRC subsidiaries. The reason is that there is no statutory limit on the amount of registered capital for our PRC subsidiaries, and we are allowed to make capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries by subscribing for their initial registered capital and increased registered capital, provided that the PRC subsidiaries complete the relevant filing and registration procedures.

On the other hand, any foreign loan provided by us to our PRC subsidiaries is required to be registered with SAFE or its local branches or filed with SAFE in its information system, and our PRC subsidiaries may not procure foreign loans which exceed the difference between its total investment amount and registered capital (the “Current Foreign Debt Mechanism”) or, as an alternative, only procure loans subject to the calculation approach and limitations as provided in the PBOC’s Circular on Matters concerning the Macro-Prudential Management of Full-Covered Cross-Border Financing, or “PBOC Notice No. 9” (the “PBOC Notice No. 9 Mechanism”), which shall not exceed 200% of the net asset of the relevant PRC subsidiary. According to PBOC Notice No. 9, after a transition period of one year since its promulgation, PBOC and SAFE will determine the cross-border financing administration mechanism for the FIEs after evaluating the overall implementation of PBOC Notice No. 9. As of the date hereof, neither PBOC nor SAFE has promulgated and made public any further rules, regulations, notices, or circulars in this regard. It is uncertain which mechanism will be adopted by PBOC and SAFE in the future and what statutory limits will be imposed on us when providing loans to our PRC subsidiaries. Currently, our PRC subsidiaries have the flexibility to choose between the Current Foreign Debt Mechanism and the PBOC Notice No. 9 Mechanism. However, if a more stringent foreign debt mechanism becomes mandatory, our ability to provide loans to our PRC subsidiaries may be significantly limited, which may adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We currently do not have any immediate plans to utilize the proceeds from this offering to make capital contribution into our PRC subsidiaries or provide any loan to our PRC subsidiaries. *See “Use of Proceeds.”* If we seek to make capital contribution into our PRC subsidiaries or provide any loan to our PRC subsidiaries in the future, we may not be able to obtain the required government approvals or complete the required registrations on a timely basis, if at all. If we fail to receive such approvals or complete such registrations, our ability to use the proceeds of this offering and to capitalize our PRC operations may be negatively affected, which could adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.

On March 30, 2015, SAFE promulgated the Circular on Reforming the Management Approach Regarding the Foreign Exchange Capital Settlement of Foreign-Invested Enterprises, or “SAFE Circular 19,” effective as of June 1, 2015, as amended by Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming and Regulating Policies on the Control over Foreign Exchange Settlement under the Capital Account, or “SAFE Circular 16,” effective on June 9, 2016. SAFE Circular 19 and SAFE Circular 16 allow FIEs to settle their foreign exchange capital at their discretion, but prohibit FIEs from using the RMB fund converted from their foreign exchange capitals for expenditure beyond their business scopes, providing entrusted loans, or repaying loans between non-financial enterprises. As a result, we are required to apply RMB funds converted from the net proceeds we received from this offering within the business scopes of our PRC subsidiaries. Violations of these Circulars could result in severe monetary or other penalties. Although we currently do not have any immediate plans to convert the net proceeds of this offering to RMB, SAFE Circular 19 and SAFE Circular 16 could potentially limit our ability to use RMB converted from the net proceeds of this offering to fund the establishment of new entities in China by our PRC subsidiaries or to invest in or acquire any other PRC companies through our PRC subsidiaries, which may adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Because our business is conducted in RMB and the price of our Ordinary Shares is quoted in United States dollars, changes in currency conversion rates may affect the value of your investments.

Our business is conducted in the PRC, our books and records are maintained in RMB, which is the currency of the PRC, and the financial statements that we file with the SEC and provide to our shareholders are presented in United States dollars. Changes in the exchange rate between the RMB and dollar affect the value of our assets and the results of our operations, when presented in United States dollars. The value of the RMB against the United States dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in the PRC’s political and economic conditions and perceived changes in the economy of the PRC and the United States. Any significant revaluation of the RMB may materially and adversely affect our cash flows, revenue and financial condition. Further, our Ordinary Shares offered by this prospectus are offered in United States dollars, we will need to convert the net proceeds we receive into RMB in order to use the funds for our business. Changes in the conversion rate between the United States dollar and the RMB will affect the amount of proceeds we will have available for our business.

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the “EIT Law,” we may be classified as a “resident enterprise” of China, which could result in unfavorable tax consequences to us and our non-PRC shareholders.

The EIT Law and its implementing rules provide that enterprises established outside of China whose “de facto management bodies” are located in China are considered “resident enterprises” under PRC tax laws. The implementing rules promulgated under the EIT Law define the term “de facto management bodies” as a management body which substantially manages, or has control over the business, personnel, finance and assets of an enterprise. In April 2009, the State Administration of Taxation, or the “SAT,” issued a circular known as “SAT Circular 82” (partially abolished on December 29, 2017), which provides certain specific criteria for determining whether the “de facto management bodies” of a PRC-controlled enterprise that is incorporated offshore are located in China. There are, however, no further detailed rules or precedents governing the procedures and specific criteria for determining “de facto management body.” Although our board of directors and management are located in the PRC, it is unclear if the PRC tax authorities would determine that we should be classified as a PRC “resident enterprise.”

If we are deemed as a PRC “resident enterprise,” we will be subject to PRC enterprise income tax on our worldwide income at a uniform tax rate of 25%, although dividends distributed to us from our existing PRC subsidiaries and any other PRC subsidiaries which we may establish from time to time could be exempt from the PRC dividend withholding tax due to our PRC “resident recipient” status. This could have a material and adverse effect on our overall effective tax rate, our income tax expenses and our net income. Furthermore, dividends, if any, paid to our shareholders may be decreased as a result of the decrease in distributable profits. In addition, if we were considered a PRC “resident enterprise”, any dividends we pay to our non-PRC investors, and the gains realized from the transfer of our Ordinary Shares may be considered income derived from sources within the PRC and be subject to PRC tax, at a rate of 10% in the case of non-PRC enterprises or 20% in the case of non-PRC individuals (in each case, subject to the provisions of any applicable tax treaty). It is unclear whether holders of our Ordinary Shares would be able to claim the benefits of any tax treaties between their country of tax residence and the PRC in the event that we are treated as a PRC resident enterprise. This could have a material and adverse effect on the value of your investment in us and the price of our Ordinary Shares.

There are significant uncertainties under the EIT Law relating to the withholding tax liabilities of our PRC subsidiaries, and dividends payable by our PRC subsidiaries to our Hong Kong subsidiary may not qualify to enjoy certain treaty benefits.

Under the PRC EIT Law and its implementation rules, the profits of a foreign invested enterprise generated through operations, which are distributed to its immediate holding company outside the PRC, will be subject to a withholding tax rate of 10%. Pursuant to a special arrangement between Hong Kong and the PRC and the Notice of the SAT on Issues Regarding the Implementation of Dividend Provisions in Tax Treaties, or the “SAT Circular 81,” issued by the SAT, such rate may be reduced to 5% if the PRC enterprise is at least 25% held by a Hong Kong enterprise for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the distribution of the dividends and is determined by the relevant PRC tax authority to have satisfied other conditions and requirements under the China-Hong Kong special arrangement and other applicable PRC laws. Furthermore, under the SAT’s Administrative Measures for Non-Resident Taxpayers to Enjoy Treatments under Tax Treaties effective in August 2015, non-resident taxpayers shall determine whether they are qualified to enjoy the preferential tax treatment under the tax treaties and file relevant report and materials with the tax authorities. See “*Taxation—People’s Republic of China Taxation.*” We have determined that we are qualified to enjoy the preferential tax treatment. However, we cannot assure you that our determination will not be challenged by the relevant PRC tax authority or we will be able to complete the necessary filings with the relevant PRC tax authority and enjoy the preferential withholding tax rate of 5% under the China-Hong Kong special arrangement with respect to dividends to be paid by our PRC subsidiaries to Energy Holdings, our Hong Kong subsidiary.

We face uncertainty with respect to indirect transfers of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises by their non-PRC holding companies.

In February 2015, the SAT issued the Bulletin on Issues of Enterprise Income Tax on Indirect Transfers of Assets by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, or “SAT Bulletin 7,” which was partially abolished in 2017. Pursuant to this bulletin, an “indirect transfer” of assets, including equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, by non-PRC resident enterprises may be re-characterized and treated as a direct transfer of PRC taxable assets, if such arrangement does not have a reasonable commercial purpose and was established for the purpose of avoiding payment of PRC enterprise income tax. As a result, gains derived from such indirect transfer may be subject to PRC enterprise income tax. In respect of an indirect offshore transfer of assets of a PRC establishment, the resulting gain is to be included with the enterprise income tax filing of the PRC establishment or place of business being transferred, and would consequently be subject to PRC enterprise income tax at a rate of 25%. Where the underlying transfer relates to the immovable properties located in China or to equity investments in a PRC resident enterprise, which is not related to a PRC establishment or place of business of a non-resident enterprise, a PRC enterprise income tax of 10% would apply, subject to available preferential tax treatment under applicable tax treaties or similar arrangements, and the party who is obligated to make the transfer payments has the withholding obligation. SAT Bulletin 7 does not apply to transactions of sale of shares by investors through a public stock exchange where such shares were acquired from a transaction through a public stock exchange.

There is uncertainty as to the application of SAT Bulletin 7. We face uncertainties as to the reporting and other implications of certain future transactions where PRC taxable assets are involved, such as offshore restructuring, sale of the shares in our offshore subsidiaries or investments. Our Company may be subject to filing obligations or taxed if our company is transferor in such transactions, and may be subject to withholding obligations if our Company is transferee in such transactions under SAT Bulletin 7. For transfer of shares in our Company by investors that are non-PRC resident enterprises, our PRC subsidiaries may be requested to assist in the filing under SAT Bulletin 7. As a result, we may be required to expend valuable resources to comply with SAT Bulletin 7 or to request the relevant transferors from whom we purchase taxable assets to comply with these circulars, or to establish that our company should not be taxed under these circulars, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

If we become directly subject to the scrutiny, criticism, and negative publicity involving U.S.-listed Chinese companies, we may have to expend significant resources to investigate and resolve the matter which could harm our business operations, stock price, and reputation.

U.S. public companies that have substantially all of their operations in China have been the subject of intense scrutiny, criticism, and negative publicity by investors, financial commentators, and regulatory agencies, such as the SEC. Much of the scrutiny, criticism, and negative publicity has centered on financial and accounting irregularities and mistakes, a lack of effective internal controls over financial accounting, inadequate corporate governance policies or a lack of adherence thereto and, in many cases, allegations of fraud. As a result of the scrutiny, criticism, and negative publicity, the publicly traded stock of many U.S. listed Chinese companies sharply decreased in value and, in some cases, has become virtually worthless. Many of these companies are now subject to shareholder lawsuits and SEC enforcement actions and are conducting internal and external investigations into the allegations. It is not clear what effect this sector-wide scrutiny, criticism, and negative publicity will have on us, our business, and our stock price. If we become the subject of any unfavorable allegations, whether such allegations are proven to be true or untrue, we will have to expend significant resources to investigate such allegations and/or defend our company. This situation will be costly and time consuming and distract our management from developing our business. If such allegations are not proven to be groundless, we and our business operations will be severely affected and you could sustain a significant decline in the value of our stock.

The disclosures in our reports and other filings with the SEC and our other public pronouncements are not subject to the scrutiny of any regulatory bodies in the PRC.

We are regulated by the SEC and our reports and other filings with the SEC are subject to SEC review in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act. Our SEC reports and other disclosure and public pronouncements are not subject to the review or scrutiny of any PRC regulatory authority. For example, the disclosure in our SEC reports and other filings are not subject to the review by China Securities Regulatory Commission, a PRC regulator that is responsible for oversight of the capital markets in China. Accordingly, you should review our SEC reports, filings and our other public pronouncements with the understanding that no local regulator has done any review of us, our SEC reports, other filings or any of our other public pronouncements.

The approval of the China Securities Regulatory Commission may be required in connection with this offering under a regulation adopted in August 2006 and/or the 2019 Securities Law, and, if required, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such approval, in which case there would be sanctions against our Company.

The Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Companies by Foreign Investors, or the “M&A Rules,” adopted by six PRC regulatory agencies in 2006 and amended in 2009, requires an overseas SPV that is formed for listing purposes through acquisitions of PRC domestic companies and controlled by PRC companies or individuals, to obtain the approval of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or the “CSRC,” prior to the listing and trading of such SPV’s securities on an overseas stock exchange. In September 2006, the CSRC published a notice on its official website specifying documents and materials required to be submitted to it by a SPV seeking the CSRC approval of its overseas listings. The application of the M&A Rules remains unclear. Further, on December 28, 2019, China amended the Securities Law of the PRC (the “2019 Securities Law”) and enacted it on March 1, 2020. Pursuant to this amendment, the direct or indirect listing or trading of a domestic company’s securities on an overseas stock exchange shall be in compliance with the relevant requirements of the State Council. The State Council has not yet implemented any detailed rules in this regard.

Our PRC counsel, GFE Law Office (“GFE”), has advised us based on their understanding of the current PRC law, rules, and regulations, including the 2019 Securities Law, that the CSRC’s approval is not required for the listing and trading of our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market in the context of this offering, given that:

- the CSRC currently has not issued any definitive rule or interpretation concerning whether offerings like this offering are subject to this regulation;
- we established our wholly owned subsidiaries, Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy, by means of direct investment rather than by merger with or acquisition of PRC domestic companies; and
- no explicit provisions in the M&A Rules clearly classifies the acquisition of Khingan Forasen by our wholly indirectly owned subsidiary, CN Energy Development, which is deemed a PRC domestic company under the PRC laws, as a type of transactions falling under the M&A Rules.

Our PRC legal counsel, however, has further advised us that there remains some uncertainty as to how the M&A Rules will be interpreted or implemented in the context of an overseas offering and its opinions summarized above are subject to any new laws, rules and regulations or detailed implementations and interpretations in any form relating to the M&A Rules. We cannot assure you that relevant PRC governmental agencies, including the CSRC, would reach the same conclusion as we do. If it is determined that the CSRC approval is required for this offering, we may face sanctions by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies for failure to seek the CSRC approval for this offering. These sanctions may include fines and penalties on our operations in the PRC, limitations on our operating privileges in the PRC, delays in or restrictions on the repatriation of the proceeds from this offering into the PRC, restrictions on or prohibition of the payments or remittance of dividends by our China subsidiaries, or other actions that could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, reputation, and prospects, as well as the trading price of our Ordinary Shares. The CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies may also take actions requiring us, or making it advisable for us, to halt this offering before the settlement and delivery of the Ordinary Shares that we are offering. Consequently, if you engage in market trading or other activities in anticipation of and prior to the settlement and delivery of the Ordinary Shares we are offering, you would be doing so at the risk that the settlement and delivery may not occur.

The M&A Rules and certain other PRC regulations establish complex procedures for some acquisitions of Chinese companies by foreign investors, which could make it more difficult for us to pursue growth through acquisitions in China.

The M&A Rules discussed in the preceding risk factor and recently adopted regulations and rules concerning mergers and acquisitions established additional procedures and requirements that could make merger and acquisition activities by foreign investors more time consuming and complex. For example, the M&A Rules require that MOFCOM be notified in advance of any change-of-control transaction in which a foreign investor takes control of a PRC domestic enterprise, if (i) any important industry is concerned, (ii) such transaction involves factors that have or may have impact on the national economic security, or (iii) such transaction will lead to a change in control of a domestic enterprise which holds a famous trademark or PRC time-honored brand. Mergers or acquisitions that allow one market player to take control of or to exert decisive impact on another market player must also be notified in advance to the Ministry of Commerce when the threshold under the Provisions on Thresholds for Prior Notification of Concentrations of Undertakings, or the “Prior Notification Rules,” issued by the State Council in August 2008 is triggered. In addition, the security review rules issued by the Ministry of Commerce that became effective in September 2011 specify that mergers and acquisitions by foreign investors that raise “national defense and security” concerns and mergers and acquisitions through which foreign investors may acquire de facto control over domestic enterprises that raise “national security” concerns are subject to strict review by the Ministry of Commerce, and the rules prohibit any activities attempting to bypass a security review, including by structuring the transaction through a proxy or contractual control arrangement. In the future, we may grow our business by acquiring complementary businesses. Complying with the requirements of the above-mentioned regulations and other relevant rules to complete such transactions could be time consuming, and any required approval processes, including obtaining approval from the Ministry of Commerce or its local counterparts may delay or inhibit our ability to complete such transactions. It is clear that our business would not be deemed to be in an industry that raises “national defense and security” or “national security” concerns. The Ministry of Commerce or other government agencies, however, may publish explanations in the future determining that our business is in an industry subject to the security review, in which case our future acquisitions in the PRC, including those by way of entering into contractual control arrangements with target entities, may be closely scrutinized or prohibited. Our ability to expand our business or maintain or expand our market share through future acquisitions would as such be materially and adversely affected.

Risks Relating to this Offering and the Trading Market

There has been no public market for our Ordinary Shares prior to this offering, and you may not be able to resell our Ordinary Shares at or above the price you pay for them, or at all.

Prior to this offering, there has not been a public market for our Ordinary Shares. We plan to apply to list our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market. An active public market for our Ordinary Shares, however, may not develop or be sustained after the offering, in which case the market price and liquidity of our Ordinary Shares will be materially and adversely affected.

The initial public offering price for our Ordinary Shares may not be indicative of prices that will prevail in the trading market and such market prices may be volatile.

The initial public offering price for our Ordinary Shares will be determined by negotiations between us and the Underwriter, and may not bear a direct relationship to our earnings, book value, or any other indicia of value. We cannot assure you that the market price of our Ordinary Shares will not decline significantly below the initial public offering price. The financial markets in the United States and other countries have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations in the last few years. Volatility in the price of our Ordinary Shares may be caused by factors outside of our control and may be unrelated or disproportionate to changes in our results of operations.

You will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of Ordinary Shares purchased.

The initial public offering price of our Ordinary Shares is substantially higher than the (pro forma) net tangible book value per share of our Ordinary Shares. Consequently, when you purchase our Ordinary Shares in the offering, upon completion of the offering (assuming an initial public offering price of \$4.50, which is the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus and the issuance of 444,444 Ordinary Shares upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares), you will incur immediate dilution of \$1.92 per share assuming no exercise of the over-allotment option by the Underwriter, and immediate dilution of \$1.85 per share assuming full exercise of the over-allotment option by the Underwriter. See "Dilution." In addition, you may experience further dilution to the extent that additional Ordinary Shares are issued upon exercise of options we may grant from time to time.

Substantial future sales of our Ordinary Shares or the anticipation of future sales of our Ordinary Shares in the public market could cause the price of our Ordinary Shares to decline.

Sales of substantial amounts of our Ordinary Shares in the public market after this offering, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our Ordinary Shares to decline. An aggregate of 10,000,000 Ordinary Shares is outstanding before the consummation of this offering and 15,444,444 Ordinary Shares will be outstanding immediately after the consummation of this offering (inclusive of the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares, but assuming no exercise of the Underwriter's over-allotment option), and 16,194,444 Ordinary Shares will be outstanding immediately after the consummation of this offering (inclusive of the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares, and assuming full exercise of the Underwriter's over-allotment option). Sales of the shares into the market could cause the market price of our Ordinary Shares to decline.

We do not intend to pay dividends for the foreseeable future.

We currently intend to retain any future earnings to finance the operation and expansion of our business, and we do not expect to declare or pay any dividends in the foreseeable future. As a result, you may only receive a return on your investment in our Ordinary Shares if the market price of our Ordinary Shares increases.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or if they publish a negative report regarding our Ordinary Shares, the price of our Ordinary Shares and trading volume could decline.

Any trading market for our Ordinary Shares may depend in part on the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. We do not have any control over these analysts. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade us, the price of our Ordinary Shares would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause the price of our Ordinary Shares and the trading volume to decline.

The market price of our Ordinary Shares may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance, and you may not be able to resell your Ordinary Shares at or above the initial public offering price.

The initial public offering price for our Ordinary Shares will be determined through negotiations between the Underwriter and us and may vary from the market price of our Ordinary Shares following our initial public offering. If you purchase our Ordinary Shares in our initial public offering, you may not be able to resell those shares at or above the initial public offering price. We cannot assure you that the initial public offering price of our Ordinary Shares, or the market price following our initial public offering, will equal or exceed prices in privately negotiated transactions of our Ordinary Shares that have occurred from time to time prior to our initial public offering. The market price of our Ordinary Shares may fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our revenue and other operating results;
- the financial projections we may provide to the public, any changes in these projections or our failure to meet these projections;
- actions of securities analysts who initiate or maintain coverage of us, changes in financial estimates by any securities analysts who follow our company, or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant products or features, technical innovations, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, or capital commitments;
- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;
- lawsuits threatened or filed against us; and
- other events or factors, including those resulting from war or incidents of terrorism, or responses to these events.

In addition, the stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. Stock prices of many companies have fluctuated in a manner unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. In the past, stockholders have filed securities class action litigation following periods of market volatility. If we were to become involved in securities litigation, it could subject us to substantial costs, divert resources and the attention of management from our business, and adversely affect our business.

Our management has broad discretion to determine how to use the funds raised in the offering and may use them in ways that may not enhance our results of operations or the price of our Ordinary Shares.

We anticipate that we will use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and other corporate purposes. Our management will have significant discretion as to the use of the net proceeds to us from this offering and could spend the proceeds in ways that do not improve our results of operations or enhance the market price of our Ordinary Shares.

If we cease to qualify as a foreign private issuer, we would be required to comply fully with the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act applicable to U.S. domestic issuers, and we would incur significant additional legal, accounting and other expenses that we would not incur as a foreign private issuer.

We expect to qualify as a foreign private issuer upon the completion of this offering. As a foreign private issuer, we will be exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders will be exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we will not be required under the Exchange Act to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as United States domestic issuers, and we will not be required to disclose in our periodic reports all of the information that United States domestic issuers are required to disclose. While we currently expect to qualify as a foreign private issuer immediately following the completion of this offering, we may cease to qualify as a foreign private issuer in the future, in which case we would incur significant additional expenses that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Because we are a foreign private issuer and are exempt from certain corporate governance standards established by the national securities exchanges that are applicable to U.S. issuers, you will have less protection than you would have if we were a domestic issuer.

The Nasdaq Listing Rules require listed companies to have, among other things, a majority of its board members be independent. As a foreign private issuer, however, we are permitted to, and we may follow home country practice in lieu of the above requirements, or we may choose to comply with the above requirement within one year of listing. The corporate governance practice in our home country, the British Virgin Islands, does not require a majority of our board to consist of independent directors. Thus, although a director must act in the best interests of the Company, it is possible that fewer board members will be exercising independent judgment and the level of board oversight on the management of our company may decrease as a result. In addition, the Nasdaq Listing Rules also require U.S. domestic issuers to have a compensation committee, a nominating/corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors, and an audit committee with a minimum of three members. We, as a foreign private issuer, are not subject to these requirements. The Nasdaq Listing Rules may require shareholder approval for certain corporate matters, such as requiring that shareholders be given the opportunity to vote on all equity compensation plans and material revisions to those plans, certain ordinary share issuances. We intend to comply with the requirements of the Nasdaq Listing Rules in determining whether shareholder approval is required on such matters and to appoint a nominating and corporate governance committee. However, we may consider following home country practice in lieu of the requirements under the Nasdaq Listing Rules with respect to certain corporate governance standards which may afford less protection to investors.

Although as a Foreign Private Issuer we are exempt from certain corporate governance standards applicable to US domestic issuers, if we cannot satisfy, or continue to satisfy, the initial listing requirements and other rules of the Nasdaq Capital Market, our securities may not be listed or may be delisted, which could negatively impact the price of our securities and your ability to sell them.

We will seek to have our securities approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market upon consummation of this offering. We cannot assure you that we will be able to meet those initial listing requirements at that time. Even if our securities are listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market, we cannot assure you that our securities will continue to be listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

In addition, following this offering, in order to maintain our listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, we will be required to comply with certain rules, including those regarding minimum stockholders' equity, minimum share price, minimum market value of publicly held shares, and various additional requirements. Even if we initially meet the listing requirements and other applicable rules of the Nasdaq Capital Market, we may not be able to continue to satisfy these requirements and applicable rules. If we are unable to satisfy the criteria for maintaining our listing, our securities could be subject to delisting.

If our securities are not accepted for listing on a national securities exchange, or if our securities are subsequently delisted from trading, we could face significant consequences, including:

- a limited availability for market quotations for our securities;
- reduced liquidity with respect to our securities;
- a determination that our Ordinary Shares is a “penny stock,” which will require brokers trading in our Ordinary Shares to adhere to more stringent rules and possibly result in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our Ordinary Shares;
- limited amount of news and analyst coverage; and
- a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

Anti-takeover provisions in our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control.

We have adopted our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, which became effective on April 20, 2020. Some provisions of our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable, including, among other things, the following:

- provisions that authorize our board of directors to issue shares with preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions without any further vote or action by our shareholders; and
- provisions that restrict the ability of our shareholders to call meetings and to propose special matters for consideration at shareholder meetings.

The exclusive jurisdiction provision in our second amended and restated articles of association may limit our shareholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees.

Our second amended and restated articles provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, unless our board of directors consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the courts of the British Virgin Islands shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine:

- (i) any dispute, suit, action, proceedings, controversy, or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with our memorandum and/or articles, including, without limitation, claims for set-off and counterclaims and any dispute, suit, action, proceedings, controversy, or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with: (x) the creation, validity, effect, interpretation, performance, or non-performance of, or the legal relationships established by, our memorandum and/or articles; or (y) any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with our memorandum and/or articles; or
- (ii) any dispute, suit, action (including, without limitation, any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf or in our name or any application for permissions to bring a derivative action), proceedings, controversy, or claim of any kind relating or connected to us, our board of directors, officers, management, or shareholders arising out of or in connection with the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 as amended from time to time (the “BVI Act”), the Insolvency Act, 2003 of the British Virgin Islands as amended from time to time, any other statute, rule, or common law of the British Virgin Islands affecting any relationship between us, our shareholders, and/or our directors and officers (or any of them) or any rights and duties established thereby (including, without limitation, Division 3 of Part VI and Part XI of the BVI Act and section 162(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act, 2003, and fiduciary or other duties owed by any director, officer, or shareholder of the Company to the Company or the Company’s shareholders).

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, unless our board of directors consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we note that holders of our Ordinary Shares cannot waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, and Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. As a result, the exclusive jurisdiction provision will not preclude or contract the scope of exclusive federal or concurrent jurisdiction for actions brought under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, or the respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Although we believe this provision benefits us by providing consistency in the application of BVI law in the types of lawsuits to which it applies, the provision may impose additional litigation costs on shareholders in pursuing such claims, particularly if the shareholders do not reside in or near the British Virgin Islands. Additionally, the provision may limit our shareholders’ ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that they find favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees, which may discourage the filing of such lawsuits. The courts of the British Virgin Islands may also reach different judgment or results than would other courts, including courts where a shareholder considering an action may be located or would otherwise choose to bring the action, and such judgments may be more or less favorable to us than our shareholders. Alternatively, if a court were to find the exclusive jurisdiction provision contained in our second amended and restated articles to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

Our board of directors may refuse or delay the registration of the transfer of Ordinary Shares in certain circumstances.

Except in connection with the settlement of trades or transactions entered into through the facilities of a stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our Ordinary Shares are listed or traded from time to time, our board of directors may resolve to refuse or delay the registration of the transfer of our Ordinary Shares. Where our directors do so, they must specify the reason(s) for this refusal or delay in a resolution of the board of directors. Our directors may also refuse or delay the registration of any transfer of Ordinary Shares if the transferor has failed to pay an amount due in respect to those Ordinary Shares. If our directors refuse to register a transfer, they shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, send the transferor and the transferee a notice of the refusal or delay in the approved form.

This, however, will not affect market transactions of the Ordinary Shares purchased by investors in the public offering. Where the Ordinary Shares are listed on a stock exchange, the Ordinary Shares may be transferred without the need for a written instrument of transfer, if the transfer is carried out in accordance with the rules of the stock exchange and other requirements applicable to the Ordinary Shares listed on the stock exchange.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud.

We are subject to reporting obligations under the U.S. securities laws. The Securities and Exchange Commission, or the “SEC,” as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act,” adopted rules requiring every public company to include a management report on such company’s internal controls over financial reporting in its annual report, which contains management’s assessment of the effectiveness of the company’s internal controls over financial reporting. As we are an “emerging growth company,” we are expected to first include a management report on our internal controls over financial reporting in our annual report in the second fiscal year end following the effectiveness of our initial public offering. As such, these requirements are expected to first apply to our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2021. Our management may conclude that our internal controls over our financial reporting are not effective. Our reporting obligations as a public company will place a significant strain on our management, operational and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future, which will significantly increase our operating expenses.

Prior to this offering, we have been a private company with limited accounting personnel and other resources with which to address our internal controls and procedures. We planned to remedy our material weaknesses and other control deficiencies in time to meet the deadline imposed by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. If we fail to timely achieve and maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, we may not be able to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting. Moreover, effective internal controls over financial reporting are necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and are important to help prevent fraud. As a result, our failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which in turn could harm our business and negatively impact the trading price of our Ordinary Shares. Furthermore, we anticipate that we will incur considerable costs and devote significant management time and efforts and other resources to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

We will incur increased costs as a result of being a public company, particularly after we cease to qualify as an “emerging growth company.”

Upon consummation of this offering, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses as a public company that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and the national securities exchanges, impose various requirements on the corporate governance practices of public companies. We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act and will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier of (1) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering, (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion, or (c) in which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer, which means the market value of our Ordinary Shares that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the prior March 31, and (2) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt during the prior three-year period. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 in the assessment of the emerging growth company’s internal control over financial reporting and permission to delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies.

Compliance with these rules and regulations increases our legal and financial compliance costs and makes some corporate activities more time-consuming and costly. After we are no longer an “emerging growth company,” or until five years following the completion of our initial public offering, whichever is earlier, we expect to incur significant expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with the requirements of Section 404 and the other rules and regulations of the SEC. For example, as a public company, we have been required to increase the number of independent directors and adopt policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures. We have incurred additional costs in obtaining director and officer liability insurance. In addition, we incur additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. It may also be more difficult for us to find qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these rules and regulations, and we cannot predict or estimate with any degree of certainty the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

Because we are an “emerging growth company,” we may not be subject to requirements that other public companies are subject to, which could affect investor confidence in us and our Ordinary Shares.

For as long as we remain an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act, we will elect to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies”, including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. Because of these lessened regulatory requirements, our shareholders would be left without information or rights available to shareholders of more mature companies. If some investors find our Ordinary Shares less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our Ordinary Shares and our share price may be more volatile. See “Implications of Our Being an ‘Emerging Growth Company’” on page 7.

The laws of the British Virgin Islands may not provide our shareholders with benefits comparable to those provided to shareholders of corporations incorporated in the United States.

Our corporate affairs are governed by our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, by the BVI Act and the common law of the British Virgin Islands. The rights of shareholders to take action against our directors, actions by minority shareholders and the fiduciary responsibilities of our directors to us under British Virgin Islands law are to a large extent governed by the common law of the British Virgin Islands. The common law in the British Virgin Islands is derived in part from comparatively limited judicial precedent in the British Virgin Islands and from English common law. For example, under the rule established in the English case known as *Foss v. Harbottle*, a court will generally refuse to interfere with the management of a company at the insistence of a minority of its shareholders who express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the company's affairs by the majority or the board of directors subject to a number of limited exceptions. Decisions of the Privy Council (which is the final Court of Appeal for British overseas territories such as the British Virgin Islands) are binding on a court in the British Virgin Islands. Decisions of the English courts, and particularly the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal are generally of persuasive authority but are not binding in the courts of the British Virgin Islands. Decisions of courts in other Commonwealth jurisdictions are similarly of persuasive but not binding authority. The rights of our shareholders and the fiduciary responsibilities of our directors under British Virgin Islands law are not as clearly established as they would be under statutes or judicial precedents in the United States. In particular, the British Virgin Islands has a less developed body of securities laws relative to the United States. Therefore, our public shareholders may have more difficulty protecting their interests in the face of actions by our management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States.

If we are classified as a passive foreign investment company, United States taxpayers who own our Ordinary Shares may have adverse United States federal income tax consequences.

A non-U.S. corporation such as ourselves will be classified as a passive foreign investment company, which is known as a PFIC, for any taxable year if, for such year, either

- At least 75% of our gross income for the year is passive income; or
- The average percentage of our assets (determined at the end of each quarter) during the taxable year which produce passive income or which are held for the production of passive income is at least 50%.

Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, rents and royalties (other than rents or royalties derived from the active conduct of a trade or business) and gains from the disposition of passive assets.

If we are determined to be a PFIC for any taxable year (or portion thereof) that is included in the holding period of a U.S. taxpayer who holds our Ordinary Shares, the U.S. taxpayer may be subject to increased U.S. federal income tax liability and may be subject to additional reporting requirements.

Depending on the amount of cash we raise in this offering, together with any other assets held for the production of passive income, it is possible that, for our 2019 taxable year or for any subsequent year, more than 50% of our assets may be assets which produce passive income, in which case we would be deemed a PFIC, which could have adverse US federal income tax consequences for US taxpayers who are shareholders. We will make this determination following the end of any particular tax year.

For a more detailed discussion of the application of the PFIC rules to us and the consequences to U.S. taxpayers if we were or are determined to be a PFIC, see "Taxation—United States Federal Income Taxation—Passive Foreign Investment Company" on page 114.

Our pre-IPO shareholders will be able to sell their shares upon completion of this offering subject to restrictions under Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

10,000,000 of our Ordinary Shares are issued and outstanding before this offering. Our pre-IPO shareholders, the "Beneficial Owners," may be able to sell their Ordinary Shares under Rule 144 after the completion of this offering. Because these shareholders have paid a lower price per Ordinary Share than participants in this offering, when they are able to sell their pre-IPO shares under Rule 144, they may be more willing to accept a lower sales price than the IPO price. This fact could impact the trading price of the Ordinary Shares following the completion of the offering, to the detriment of participants in this offering. Under Rule 144, before the Beneficial Owners can sell their shares, in addition to meeting other requirements, they must meet the required holding period. We do not expect any of the Ordinary Shares to be sold pursuant to Rule 144 during the pendency of this offering.

Recently introduced economic substance legislation of the British Virgin Islands may adversely impact us or our operations.

The British Virgin Islands, together with several other non-European Union jurisdictions, have recently introduced legislation aimed at addressing concerns raised by the Council of the European Union (the “EU”) as to offshore structures engaged in certain activities which attract profits without real economic activity. With effect from January 1, 2019, the Economic Substance (Companies and Limited Partnerships) Act, 2018 (the “Substance Law”) came into force in the British Virgin Islands introducing certain economic substance requirements for British Virgin Islands “relevant entities” which are engaged in certain banking, insurance, fund management, financing and leasing, headquarters, shipping, holding company, intellectual property or distribution and service center business (being “relevant activities”) and are in receipt of gross income arising from relevant activities in any relevant financial period. In the case of business companies incorporated before January 1, 2019, the economic substance requirements apply for financial years commencing June 30, 2019.

The economic substance requirements that are imposed include that in-scope companies be directed and managed in the British Virgin Islands, have core income generating activities in the British Virgin Islands, and have an adequate level of employees, expenditures, and premises in the British Virgin Islands. Business companies that carry on holding company business (which means it only holds equity participations in other entities and only earns dividends and capital gains) may be subject to reduced substance requirements.

Based on the Substance Law and announced guidance currently issued, it is anticipated that we will be subject to limited substance requirements applicable to a holding company. At present, it is unclear what we exactly will be expected to do in order to satisfy these requirements, but to the extent we are required to increase our substance in the British Virgin Islands, it could result in additional costs. Although it is presently anticipated that the Substance Law (including the ongoing EU review of the British Virgin Islands’ implementation of such law), will have minimal material impact on us or our operations, as the legislation and guidance are new and remain subject to further clarification, adjustment, interpretation, and the EU review, it is not currently possible to ascertain the precise impact of these developments on us, for example, whether we could also be treated as carrying out “headquarter business” in the British Virgin Islands (despite our headquarters physically being in China). It is therefore possible that we may be subject to additional requirements under the Substance Law in the future. Should that occur, it is our intention to seek appropriate advice and take appropriate steps to ensure that we (to the extent we fall within the scope of the Substance Law) are fully compliant.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that reflect our current expectations and views of future events, all of which are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. You can find many (but not all) of these statements by the use of words such as “approximates,” “believes,” “hopes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “projects,” “intends,” “plans,” “will,” “would,” “should,” “could,” “may” or other similar expressions in this prospectus. These statements are likely to address our growth strategy, financial results and product and development programs. You must carefully consider any such statements and should understand that many factors could cause actual results to differ from our forward-looking statements. These factors may include inaccurate assumptions and a broad variety of other risks and uncertainties, including some that are known and some that are not. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual future results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- assumptions about our future financial and operating results, including revenue, income, expenditures, cash balances and other financial items;
- our ability to execute our growth, and expansion, including our ability to meet our goals;
- current and future economic and political conditions;
- our ability to compete in the highly-competitive activated carbon industry;
- our capital requirements and our ability to raise any additional financing which we may require;
- our ability to attract clients and further enhance our brand recognition;
- our ability to hire and retain qualified management personnel and key employees in order to enable us to develop our business;
- trends and competition in the activated carbon and biomass energy industries; and
- other assumptions described in this prospectus underlying or relating to any forward-looking statements.

We describe certain material risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could affect our business, including our financial condition and results of operations, under “Risk Factors.” We base our forward-looking statements on our management’s beliefs and assumptions based on information available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that actual outcomes and results may, and are likely to, differ materially from what is expressed, implied or forecast by our forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you should be careful about relying on any forward-looking statements. Except as required under the federal securities laws, we do not have any intention or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements after the distribution of this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions, or otherwise.

Industry Data and Forecasts

This prospectus contains data related to the activated carbon and biomass energy industries in China. This industry data includes projections that are based on a number of assumptions which have been derived from industry and government sources which we believe to be reasonable. The activated carbon and biomass energy industries may not grow at the rate projected by industry data, or at all. The failure of these industries to grow as anticipated is likely to have a material adverse effect on our business and the market price of our Ordinary Shares. In addition, the rapidly changing nature of the activated carbon and biomass energy industries subjects any projections or estimates relating to the growth prospects or future condition of our industries to significant uncertainties. Furthermore, if any one or more of the assumptions underlying the industry data turns out to be incorrect, actual results may, and are likely to, differ from the projections based on these assumptions.

ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We were incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands because there are certain benefits associated with being a British Virgin Islands company, such as political and economic stability, an effective judicial system, a favorable tax system, the absence of foreign exchange control or currency restrictions, and the availability of professional and support services. The British Virgin Islands, however, has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and provides significantly less protection for investors than the United States.

Substantially all of our assets are located in the PRC. In addition, almost all of our directors and officers are nationals or residents of the PRC and all or a substantial portion of their assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us or these persons, or to enforce against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States.

We have appointed Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC as our agent to receive service of process with respect to any action brought against us in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York under the federal securities laws of the United States or of any state in the United States or any action brought against us in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the County of New York under the securities laws of the State of New York.

Carey Olsen Singapore LLP (“Carey Olsen”), our counsel with respect to the laws of the British Virgin Islands, and GFE, our counsel with respect to PRC law, have advised us that there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the British Virgin Islands or the PRC would (i) recognize or enforce judgments of United States courts obtained against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States or (ii) entertain original actions brought in the British Virgin Islands or the PRC against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States.

Carey Olsen, has further advised us that there is currently no statutory enforcement or treaty between the United States and the British Virgin Islands providing for enforcement of judgments. A judgment obtained in the United States, however, may be recognized and enforced in the courts of the British Virgin Islands at common law, without any re-examination on the merits of the underlying dispute, by an action commenced on the foreign judgment debt in the Commercial Division of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the British Virgin Islands, provided such judgment: (i) is given by a foreign court of competent jurisdiction; (ii) is final; (iii) is not in respect of taxes, a fine or a penalty; and (iv) was not obtained in a manner and is not of a kind the enforcement of which is contrary to natural justice or public policy of the British Virgin Islands. Furthermore, it is uncertain that British Virgin Islands courts would enforce: (1) judgments of U.S. courts obtained in actions against us or other persons that are predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws; or (2) original actions brought against us or other persons predicated upon the Securities Act. Carey Olsen has informed us that there is uncertainty with regard to British Virgin Islands law relating to whether a judgment obtained from the U.S. courts under civil liability provisions of the securities laws will be determined by the courts of the British Virgin Islands as penal or punitive in nature.

GFE has advised us that the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are provided for under the PRC Civil Procedure Law. PRC courts may recognize and enforce foreign judgments in accordance with the requirements of the PRC Civil Procedure Law based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or on reciprocity between jurisdictions. However, there are no treaties or other forms of reciprocity between China and the United States for the mutual recognition and enforcement of court judgments. Further, pursuant to the PRC Civil Procedures Law, courts in the PRC will not enforce a foreign judgment against us or our directors and officers if they decide that the judgment violates the basic principles of PRC law or national sovereignty, security, or public interest. As a result, it is uncertain whether and on what basis a PRC court would enforce a judgment rendered by a court in the United States.

GFE has further advised us that, under the PRC Civil Procedures Law, foreign shareholders may originate actions based on PRC laws against us in the PRC, if they can establish sufficient nexus to the PRC for a PRC court to have jurisdiction, and meet other procedural requirements, including, among others, the plaintiff must have a direct interest in the case, and there must be a concrete claim, a factual basis, and a cause for the suit. However, it would be difficult for foreign shareholders to establish sufficient nexus to the PRC by virtue only of holding our Ordinary Shares.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Based upon an assumed initial public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share, which is the midpoint of the price range shown on the front page of this prospectus, we estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering, after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts, Underwriter non-accountable expense allowance, and the estimated offering expenses payable by us, of \$19,843,858 if the Underwriter does not exercise its over-allotment option, and \$22,931,983 if the Underwriter exercises its over-allotment option in full.

We plan to use the net proceeds we receive from this offering for the following purposes:

- approximately 80% for the construction of a manufacturing facility in Manzhouli City;
- approximately 20% for research and development;
- The balance to fund working capital and for other general corporate purposes.

We plan to invest a total of \$48.42 million to construct a new manufacturing facility in Manzhouli City in two stages. The planned investment is approximately \$20.21 million for the first stage of construction and approximately \$28.21 million for the second stage. *For further details on the manufacturing facility under construction, please see “Business—Facilities.”* As of June 2020, approximately \$4 million had been deployed for the first stage and an additional \$16.21 million would be required to complete the first stage. We expect that the net proceeds from this offering, together with our available cash and cash equivalents, will allow us to complete the first stage of construction, but are unlikely to be sufficient to fund the second stage of construction. We anticipate raising additional capital through equity or debt financing sufficient to fund the second stage of construction.

The foregoing represents our current intentions based upon our present plans and business conditions to use and allocate the net proceeds of this offering. Our management, however, will have significant flexibility and discretion to apply the net proceeds of this offering. If an unforeseen event occurs or business conditions change, we may use the proceeds of this offering differently than as described in this prospectus. To the extent that the net proceeds we receive from this offering are not immediately used for the above purposes, we intend to invest our net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing bank deposits or debt instruments.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We intend to keep any future earnings to finance the expansion of our business, and we do not anticipate that any cash dividends will be paid in the foreseeable future.

Subject to the BVI Act and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, our board of directors may authorize and declare a dividend to shareholders at such time and of such an amount as they think fit if they are satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that immediately following the dividend the value of our assets will exceed our liabilities and we will be able to pay our debts as they become due. There is no further British Virgin Islands statutory restriction on the amount of funds which may be distributed by us by dividend.

If we determine to pay dividends on any of our Ordinary Shares in the future, as a holding company, we will be dependent on receipt of funds from our Hong Kong subsidiary, Energy Holdings.

Current PRC regulations permit our indirect PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to Energy Holdings only out of their accumulated profits, if any, determined in accordance with Chinese accounting standards and regulations. In addition, each of our subsidiaries in China is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits each year, if any, to fund a statutory reserve until such reserve reaches 50% of its registered capital. Each of such entity in China is also required to further set aside a portion of its after-tax profits to fund the employee welfare fund, although the amount to be set aside, if any, is determined at the discretion of its board of directors. Although the statutory reserves can be used, among other ways, to increase the registered capital and eliminate future losses in excess of retained earnings of the respective companies, the reserve funds are not distributable as cash dividends except in the event of liquidation.

The PRC government also imposes controls on the conversion of RMB into foreign currencies and the remittance of currencies out of the PRC. Therefore, we may experience difficulties in complying with the administrative requirements necessary to obtain and remit foreign currency for the payment of dividends from our profits, if any. Furthermore, if our subsidiaries and affiliates in the PRC incur debt on their own in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends or make other payments. If we or our subsidiaries are unable to receive all of the revenue from our operations, we may be unable to pay dividends on our Ordinary Shares.

Cash dividends, if any, on our Ordinary Shares will be paid in U.S. dollars. Energy Holdings may be considered a non-resident enterprise for tax purposes, so that any dividends our PRC subsidiaries pay to Energy Holdings may be regarded as China-sourced income and as a result may be subject to PRC withholding tax at a rate of up to 10%. See *“Taxation—People’s Republic of China Taxation.”*

In order for us to pay dividends to our shareholders, we will rely on payments made from CN Energy Development to Zhejiang CN Energy and indirectly to Manzhouli CN Energy, and the distribution of such payments to Energy Holdings as dividends from CN Energy Development. Certain payments from CN Energy Development to Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy are subject to PRC taxes, including business taxes and value-added taxes. In addition, if CN Energy Development or its subsidiaries or branches incur debt on their own behalves in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict its ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Tax Evasion on Income, or the Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement, the 10% withholding tax rate may be lowered to 5% if a Hong Kong resident enterprise owns no less than 25% of a PRC project. The 5% withholding tax rate, however, does not automatically apply and certain requirements must be satisfied, including without limitation that (a) the Hong Kong project must be the beneficial owner of the relevant dividends; and (b) the Hong Kong project must directly hold no less than 25% share ownership in the PRC project during the 12 consecutive months preceding its receipt of the dividends. In current practice, a Hong Kong project must obtain a tax resident certificate from the Hong Kong tax authority to apply for the 5% lower PRC withholding tax rate. As the Hong Kong tax authority will issue such a tax resident certificate on a case-by-case basis, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain the tax resident certificate from the relevant Hong Kong tax authority and enjoy the preferential withholding tax rate of 5% under the Double Taxation Arrangement with respect to any dividends paid by our PRC subsidiaries to its immediate holding company, Energy Holdings. As of the date of this prospectus, we have not applied for the tax resident certificate from the relevant Hong Kong tax authority. Energy Holdings intends to apply for the tax resident certificate if and when Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy plan to declare and pay dividends to Energy Holdings. See *“Risk Factors—There are significant uncertainties under the EIT Law relating to the withholding tax liabilities of our PRC subsidiaries, and dividends payable by our PRC subsidiaries to our Hong Kong subsidiary may not qualify to enjoy certain treaty benefits.”*

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

Our business is conducted in China and all of our revenue is denominated in RMB. Capital accounts of our financial statements are translated into U.S. dollars from RMB at their historical exchange rates when the capital transactions occurred. RMB is not freely convertible into foreign currency and all foreign exchange transactions must take place through authorized institutions. No representation is made that the RMB amounts could have been, or could be, converted into U.S. dollars at the rates used in translation. The following table sets forth information concerning exchange rates between the RMB and the U.S. dollar for the periods indicated. Assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rates as of the balance sheet date.

Balance sheet items, except for equity accounts	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
USD:RMB	0.1411:1	0.1401:1	0.1456:1

Items in the statements of operations and comprehensive loss, and statements cash flows are translated at the average exchange rate of the period.

	Years ended		Six months ended	
	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
USD:RMB	0.1455:1	0.1530:1	0.1426:1	0.1464:1

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of March 31, 2020:

- on an unaudited actual basis; and
- on an unaudited as adjusted basis to reflect (i) the issuance and sale of the Ordinary Shares by us in this offering at the assumed initial public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share, which is the midpoint of the price range shown on the front page of this prospectus, after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and the estimated offering expenses payable by us, and (ii) the issuance of 444,444 Ordinary Shares as a result of the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares at a 10% discount to the assumed \$4.50 initial offering price.

You should read this capitalization table in conjunction with “Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

	March 31, 2020		
	Actual	As adjusted (Over- allotment option not exercised) ⁽¹⁾	As adjusted (Over- allotment option exercised in full) ⁽¹⁾
Cash	\$ 1,043,942	\$ 1,043,942	\$ 1,043,942
Stockholders’ Equity:			
Ordinary Shares, no par value, an unlimited number of Ordinary Shares authorized, 10,000,000 Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding; 15,444,444 Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised, and 16,194,444 Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted assuming the over- allotment option is exercised in full	14,005,621	33,849,479	36,937,604
Convertible Preferred Shares, no par value, an unlimited number of Convertible Preferred Shares authorized, no Convertible Preferred Shares issued and outstanding, actual; 500,000 Convertible Preferred Shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted	-	1,800,000	1,800,000
Additional paid-in capital	7,890,199	7,890,199	7,890,199
Accumulated deficit	(1,432,939)	(1,432,939)	(1,432,939)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,826,041)	(1,826,041)	(1,826,041)
Total Stockholders’ Equity	18,636,840	40,280,698	43,368,823
Total Capitalization	\$ 18,636,840	\$ 40,280,698	\$ 43,368,823

(1) Reflects the net proceeds we expect to receive, after deducting underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance and other estimated offering expenses payable by us. We expect to receive net proceeds of (a) approximately \$19,843,858 if the Underwriter’s over-allotment option is not exercised (\$22,500,000 offering, less underwriting discounts of \$1,687,500 and offering expenses of approximately \$743,642 and a corporate finance fee of approximately \$225,000) or (b) approximately \$22,931,983 if the Underwriter’s over-allotment option is exercised in full (\$25,875,000 offering, less underwriting discounts of \$1,940,625 and offering expenses of approximately \$743,642 and a corporate finance fee of approximately \$258,750)

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share, which is the midpoint of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus, would increase (decrease) each of total shareholders’ equity and total capitalization by \$4.58 million if the Underwriter’s over-allotment option is not exercised and by \$5.26 million if the Underwriter’s over-allotment option is exercised in full, assuming the number of Ordinary Shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and estimated expenses payable by us.

DILUTION

Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and per share amounts in this prospectus have been presented giving effect to a forward split of our Ordinary Shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share on April 20, 2020.

If you invest in our Ordinary Shares, your interest will be diluted for each Ordinary Share you purchase to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per Ordinary Share and our net tangible book value per Ordinary Share after this offering. Dilution results from the fact that the initial public offering price per Ordinary Share is substantially in excess of the net tangible book value per Ordinary Share attributable to the existing shareholders for our presently outstanding Ordinary Shares.

Our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2020, was \$18,254,167, or \$1.83 per Ordinary Share. Net tangible book value represents the amount of our total consolidated tangible assets, less the amount of our total consolidated liabilities. Dilution is determined by subtracting the net tangible book value per Ordinary Share (as adjusted for the offering) from the initial public offering price per Ordinary Share and after deducting the underwriting discounts, Underwriter non-accountable expense allowance, and the estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Dilution to New Investors if the Offering Amount is Sold without Exercise of the Over-allotment Option

After giving effect to our sale of 5,000,000 Ordinary Shares offered in this offering based on the assumed initial public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share, which is the midpoint of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus, after deduction of the underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and the estimated offering expenses payable by us and the issuance of 444,444 Ordinary Shares as a result of the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares at a 10% discount to the initial offering price, our as adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2020, would have been \$39.90 million, or \$2.58 per outstanding Ordinary Share. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$0.75 per Ordinary Share to the existing shareholders, and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$1.92 per Ordinary Share to investors purchasing Ordinary Shares in this offering. The as adjusted information discussed above is illustrative only. The following table illustrates such dilution:

	No Exercise of Over-Allotment Option
Assumed Initial public offering price per Ordinary Share	\$ 4.50
Net tangible book value per Ordinary Share as of March 31, 2020	\$ 1.83
As adjusted net tangible book value per Ordinary Share attributable to payments by new investors	\$ 0.75
Pro forma net tangible book value per Ordinary Share immediately after this offering	\$ 2.58
Amount of dilution in net tangible book value per Ordinary Share to new investors in the offering	\$ 1.92

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share would increase (decrease) our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value after giving effect to this offering by \$4.58 million, the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per Ordinary Share after giving effect to this offering by \$0.30 per Ordinary Share, and the dilution in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per Ordinary Share to new investors in this offering by Ordinary Shares \$0.70 per Ordinary Share, assuming no change to the number of Ordinary Shares offered by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and estimated offering expenses.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma as adjusted basis as of March 31, 2020, the differences between existing shareholders and the new investors with respect to the number of Ordinary Shares purchased from us, the total consideration paid and the average price per Ordinary Share paid before deducting the underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and estimated offering expenses.

Over-allotment option not exercised	Ordinary Shares purchased		Total consideration		Average price per Ordinary Share
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent	
			(\$ in thousands)		
Existing shareholders	10,000,000	64.75%	\$ 21,896	47.40%	\$ 2.19
Preferred Share Investors	444,444	2.88%	1,800	3.90%	4.05
New investors	5,000,000	32.37%	22,500	48.70%	4.50
Total	15,444,444	100%	\$ 46,196	100%	\$ 2.99

Dilution to New Investors if the Offering Amount is Sold with Full Exercise of the Over-allotment Option

After giving effect to our sale of 5,750,000 Ordinary Shares offered in this offering based on the assumed initial public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share, which is the midpoint of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus, after deduction of the underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and the estimated offering expenses payable by us and the issuance of 444,444 Ordinary Shares as a result of the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares at a 10% discount to the initial offering price, our as adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2020, would have been \$42.99 million, or \$2.65 per outstanding Ordinary Share. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$0.82 per Ordinary Share to the existing shareholders, and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$1.85 per Ordinary Share to investors purchasing Ordinary Shares in this offering. The as adjusted information discussed above is illustrative only. The following table illustrates such dilution:

	Full Exercise of Over-Allotment Option
Assumed Initial public offering price per Ordinary Share	\$ 4.50
Net tangible book value per Ordinary Share as of March 31, 2020	\$ 1.83
As adjusted net tangible book value per Ordinary Share attributable to payments by new investors	\$ 0.82
Pro forma net tangible book value per Ordinary Share immediately after this offering	\$ 2.65
Amount of dilution in net tangible book value per Ordinary Share to new investors in the offering	\$ 1.85

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed public offering price of \$4.50 per Ordinary Share would increase (decrease) our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value after giving effect to this offering by \$5.26 million, the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per Ordinary Share after giving effect to this offering by \$0.32 per Ordinary Share, and the dilution in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per Ordinary Share to new investors in this offering by Ordinary Shares \$0.68 per Ordinary Share, assuming no change to the number of Ordinary Shares offered by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and estimated offering expenses.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma as adjusted basis as of March 31, 2020, the differences between existing shareholders and the new investors with respect to the number of Ordinary Shares purchased from us, the total consideration paid and the average price per Ordinary Share paid before deducting the underwriting discounts, non-accountable expense allowance, and estimated offering expenses.

Over-allotment option exercised in full	Ordinary Shares purchased		Total consideration		Average price per Ordinary Share
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent	
			(\$ in thousands)		
Existing shareholders	10,000,000	61.75%	\$ 21,896	44.17%	\$ 2.19
Preferred Share Investors	444,444	2.74%	1,800	3.63%	4.05
New investors	5,750,000	35.51%	25,875	52.20%	4.50
Total	16,194,444	100%	\$ 49,571	100%	\$ 3.06

The as adjusted information as discussed above is illustrative only.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes that appear in this prospectus. In addition to historical consolidated financial information, the following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates, and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and elsewhere in this prospectus, particularly in the "Risk Factors" section.

Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and per share amounts in this prospectus have been presented giving effect to a forward split of our Ordinary Shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share on April 20, 2020.

Overview

CN Energy is a holding company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018. CN Energy, through its subsidiaries, is a manufacturer and supplier of wood-based activated carbon that is primarily used in pharmaceutical manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, water purification, environmental protection, and food and beverage production ("Activated Carbon Production"), and a producer of biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon ("Biomass Electricity Production").

In connection with this offering, we have undertaken a reorganization of our legal structure. The Reorganization involved the incorporation of CN Energy, a British Virgin Islands holding company; the incorporation of Energy Holdings, a Hong Kong holding company; the incorporation of Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy, two new WFOEs formed by Energy Holdings under the laws of the PRC; the incorporation of Manzhouli CN Technology, a PRC company, of which 90% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Energy, and the remaining 10% by Zhejiang CN Energy; the incorporation of CN Energy Development, a PRC company, of which 70% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Technology and the remaining 30% by Zhejiang CN Energy; the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen by CN Energy Development; and the issuance of a total of 10,000,000 ordinary shares of CN Energy (reflecting an approximate or rounded 71.62-for-1 forward split of our Ordinary Shares on April 20, 2020) to the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen. In relation to the Reorganization, a series of agreements were signed among CN Energy, the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen, CN Energy Development, and offshore holding companies controlled by the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen on August 12, 2019 and August 28, 2019.

As a result of the Reorganization, CN Energy, the ultimate holding company, owns 100% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, which in turn owns 100% of the equity interests of Hangzhou Forasen and Zhongxing Energy.

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805-50-25, the Reorganization has been accounted for as a recapitalization among entities under common control since the same shareholders controlled all these entities prior to the Reorganization. The consolidation of CN Energy and its subsidiaries has been accounted for at historical cost and prepared on the basis as if the aforementioned transactions had become effective as of the beginning of the first period presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Results of operations for the period presented comprise those of the previously separate entities combined from the beginning of the period to the end of the period. By eliminating the effects of intra-entity transactions in determining the results of operations for the period before the Reorganization, those results will be on substantially the same basis as the results of operations for the period after the date of combination. The effects of intra-entity transactions on current assets, current liabilities, revenue, and cost of sales for periods presented and on retained earnings (accumulated deficit) at the beginning of the periods presented are eliminated to the extent possible. Furthermore, ASC 805-50-45-5 indicates that the financial statements and financial information presented for prior years also shall be retrospectively adjusted to furnish comparative information.

Our primary raw materials are forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes, which we source from our suppliers. Our current facility is located in Tahe County, Heilongjiang Province, in close proximity to the Greater Khingan Range, where our suppliers are primarily located. We also source raw materials from Inner Mongolia.

Our main product is activated carbon produced to conform to our customers' specifications. Our activated carbon customers are primarily activated carbon wholesalers and companies engaging in the activated carbon deep processing business. Our customers are all based in the PRC and currently mainly located in Jiangsu Province, Fujian Province, Zhejiang Province, and Shanghai. The primary end users of our activated carbon are food and beverage producers, industrial manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and companies engaging in environmental protection. In addition, we have provided activated carbon related technical services to Lianmu Technology from time to time since January 1, 2017. The technical services we provided included activated carbon mixing ratio adjustments, activated carbon component indicator analyses, absorptive capacity tests, and other technical support. We expect to continue to provide similar technical services to Lianmu Technology and our other customers if requested.

The biomass electricity generated during the process of producing activated carbon is supplied to State Grid Heilongjiang, a subsidiary of State Grid Corporation of China in Heilongjiang Province.

Our revenue is primarily generated through sales of activated carbon.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, we sold 2,967 and 3,816 tons of activated carbon and 1,039,480 and 1,159,917 kWh of biomass electricity, respectively. For the same periods, we had total revenue of \$3,943,459 and \$4,768,077, and net income of \$522,827 and \$684,137, respectively. The revenue derived from Activated Carbon Production accounted for 97.13% and 97.60% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The revenue derived from Biomass Electricity Production accounted for 1.24% and 2.40% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Revenue derived from technical services provided to Lianmu Technology accounted for 1.63% and 0% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we sold 8,584 and 6,200 tons of activated carbon and 3,044,574 and 3,872,866 kWh of biomass electricity, respectively. For the same years, we had total revenue of \$10,893,164 and \$8,091,937, and net income of \$1,667,812 and \$1,562,618, respectively. The revenue derived from Activated Carbon Production accounted for 96.31% and 94.79% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The revenue derived from Biomass Electricity Production accounted for 1.80% and 4.71% of our total revenue

for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The revenue derived from technical services provided to Lianmu Technology accounted for 1.89% and 0.50% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Growth Strategies

Increase the Capacity of Activated Carbon Production. Since the demand for activated carbon in general and orders for our activated carbon products more particularly have been increasing in recent years, our facility at our Tahe Biopower Plant almost reached its full production capacity in fiscal year 2018 and we had to outsource some of the production of activated carbon to third-party producers to keep up with the demand for our products. These third-party producers do not have the same manufacturing processes or quality control as we do, nor do we share technology with them. We mainly purchase activated carbon from these third-party producers to fulfill orders from customers who do not require the wood-based activated carbon we produce. See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—We rely on third-party manufacturers to produce some of our activated carbon products and problems with, or loss of, these manufacturers could harm our business and operating results.” We are currently constructing a new manufacturing facility in Manzhouli City, Inner Mongolia, to increase our capacity of activated carbon production. As of June 2020, we had completed the construction of the groundwork of the factory workshop and over half of the auxiliary buildings.

Expand Customer Base. We plan to explore new markets for our activated carbon products while maintaining our current customer base. We are considering establishing branch offices in various strategic areas, including Beijing, Shanghai, Hebei Province, Jiangsu Province, and Fujian Province. These branch offices will focus on increasing activated carbon product sales to existing customers, providing customer support in those areas, and acquiring potential new customers. By increasing the number of customers and optimizing our transportation and sales network, we aim to reduce the marginal cost of our activated carbon products and increase our profits.

Focus on Products With Growing Demand. Due to the rapid development of industrial technology, stricter environmental protection regulations, and increased attention to food safety, there has been increased demand for activated carbon used in the water, food, and beverage industries, and activated carbon for pharmaceutical raw materials, intermediates, and finished products. We believe we are well positioned to meet each of these growing areas of demand. We will seek to continue our innovative approach, while ensuring reliability and efficiency in the delivery supply chain, to the extent we are able to continue to access a consistent supply of raw materials, by designing and manufacturing activated carbon products for use in a broad range of applications. While maintaining a diversified customer base and product line, we will seek to focus on our products with growing demand and capitalize opportunities for increasing their sales.

Increase Research and Development Efforts. We plan to increase our research and development efforts by seeking partnerships with well-established research institutes to develop more efficient methods for producing activated carbon and generating biomass energy. We have been working on applying our activated carbon production technology currently used with forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes to crop residues as well. We are seeking to reduce our reliance on forest resources and therefore expand our network of suppliers to other provinces in the PRC.

Explore New Business Opportunities. We have been monitoring possible business opportunities in the downstream sectors of the activated carbon industry, such as environment restoration, water purification, and air cleaning. In the long term, we plan to strategically establish or acquire companies that use activated carbon as raw materials. We do not plan to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund these long-term plans, and have not entered into any binding agreement for any acquisition nor identified any definite acquisition target. By expanding our business vertically in the activated carbon industry, we hope to increase our pricing power and minimize risks in our Activated Carbon Production business.

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak

In December 2019, COVID-19 was first identified in Wuhan, China. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic—the first pandemic caused by a coronavirus. The outbreak has reached more than 160 countries, resulting in the implementation of significant governmental measures, including lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans, intended to control the spread of the virus. The Chinese government has ordered quarantines, travel restrictions, and the temporary closure of stores and facilities. Companies are also taking precautions, such as requiring employees to work remotely, imposing travel restrictions and temporarily closing businesses.

Because of the shelter-in-place orders and travel restrictions mandated by the Chinese government, employees of Tahe Biopower Plant and Hangzhou Forasen could not return to work on time after the Chinese New Year and the transportation of raw materials and activated carbon was delayed or even stopped during January and February 2020, which adversely impacted our production and sales, as well as the construction of our new facility in Manzhouli City, during that period. Although the production and sales have started to recover since the end of March 2020 and we currently expect to continue the construction of our new facility in Manzhouli City in August 2020, if COVID-19 further impacts our production and sales or delays the construction, our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows could continue to be adversely affected.

Although the COVID-19 outbreak seems to have been under relative control in China since May 2020, it may continue to materially adversely affect our business operations and condition and operating results for 2020, including but not limited to material negative impact on our total revenue, slower collection of accounts receivables, and additional allowance for doubtful accounts. Because of the significant uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, we cannot reasonably estimate the extent of the business disruption and the related financial impact at this time.

Government policies may impact our business and operating results.

We have not seen any impact of unfavorable government policies upon our business in recent years. However, our business and operating results will be affected by the overall economic growth and government policies in the PRC, and our products are currently eligible for certain favorable government tax incentive and other incentives. Unfavorable changes in government policies and these incentives could affect the demand for our products and could materially and adversely affect our results of operations. However, we will seek to make adjustments as required if and when government policies shift.

Exchange rate fluctuations may significantly impact our business and profitability.

All of our operations are in the PRC. Thus, our revenue and operating results may be impacted by exchange rate fluctuations between RMB and U.S. dollars. For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, we had an unrealized foreign currency translation gain of \$118,400 and \$416,013, respectively, because of changes in the exchange rates. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we had an unrealized foreign currency translation loss of \$712,400 and \$578,092, respectively, because of changes in the exchange rates.

Results of Operations

Comparison of Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2020 and 2019

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and provides information regarding the dollar and percentage increase or (decrease) during such periods.

	For the Six Months Ended March 31,		Variance	
	2020	2019	Amount	%
Revenue	\$ 3,943,459	\$ 4,768,077	\$ (824,618)	(17.29)%
Cost of revenue	2,852,551	3,356,376	(503,825)	(15.01)%
Gross profit	1,090,908	1,411,701	(320,793)	(22.72)%
Selling expenses	100,845	125,121	(24,276)	(19.40)%
General and administrative expenses	470,234	413,428	56,806	13.74%
Research and development expenses	225,792	432,431	(206,639)	(47.79)%
Income from operations	294,037	440,721	(146,684)	(33.28)%
Interest income (expense), net	(7,024)	237	(7,261)	(3,063.71)%
Government subsidy income	256,421	263,832	(7,411)	(2.81)%
Other income, net	2,909	873	2,036	233.25%
Income before income taxes	546,343	705,663	(159,320)	(22.58)%
Provision for income taxes	23,516	21,526	1,990	9.24%
Net income	\$ 522,827	\$ 684,137	\$ (161,310)	(23.58)%

Revenue

Currently, we have three main types of revenue streams derived from our three major products and services: activated carbon, biomass electricity, and technical services. Total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 decreased by \$824,618, or 17.29%, to \$3,943,459 from \$4,768,077 for the six months ended March 31, 2019. The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in sales volume of both activated carbon and biomass electricity in the six months ended March 31, 2020. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in China, we had limited sales during January and February 2020, causing our sales to significantly decrease.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

	For the Six Months Ended March 31,				Variance	
	2020	%	2019	%	Amount	%
Activated carbon	\$ 3,830,221	97.13%	\$ 4,653,725	97.60%	\$ (823,504)	(17.70)%
Biomass electricity	49,063	1.24%	114,352	2.40%	(65,289)	(57.09)%
Technical services	64,175	1.63%	-	-	64,175	100%
Total	\$ 3,943,459	100.00%	\$ 4,768,077	100.00%	\$ (824,618)	(17.29)%

Product type	Total revenue for the six months ended March 31,		QTY sold in the six months ended March 31,		Variance in QTY	% of QTY variance	Average unit price		Price difference
	2020	2019	2020	2019			2020	2019	
Activated carbon	\$ 3,830,221	\$ 4,653,725	2,967ton	3,816ton	(849)	(22.25)%	\$ 1,290.94	\$ 1,219.54	\$ 71.40
Biomass electricity	49,063	114,352	1,039,480kWh	1,159,917kWh	(120,437)	(10.38)%	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.05)
Technical services	64,175	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	\$3,943,459	\$4,768,077							

Activated carbon

Revenue from activated carbon for the six months ended March 31, 2020, decreased by \$823,504, or 17.70%, to \$3,830,221 from \$4,653,725 for the same period of 2019. We sold 2,967 tons of activated carbon in the six months ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of 849 tons, or 22.25%, as compared with 3,816 tons in the same period of 2019. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak and the related shelter-in-place orders and travel restrictions mandated by the Chinese government, during January and February 2020, employees of Tahe Biopower Plant and Hangzhou Forasen could not return to work on time after the Chinese New Year and the transportation of raw materials and activated carbon was delayed or even stopped, which adversely impacted our production and sales of activated carbon during that period.

The average selling price of activated carbon increased by \$71.40, or 5.86%, to \$1,290.94 per ton for the six months ended March 31, 2020, from \$1,219.54 per ton for the six months ended March 31, 2019. The increase was attributable to strong market demand. The overall decrease in our activated carbon sales for the six months ended March 31, 2020, as compared to the same period of 2019 reflected the above combined effect.

Biomass electricity

Revenue from biomass electricity for the six months ended March 31, 2020, decreased by \$65,289, or 57.09%, to \$49,063 from \$114,352 for the same period of 2019. The biomass electricity was generated in the process of producing activated carbon and supplied to State Grid Heilongjiang pursuant to a biomass electricity sales agreement, which is renewed annually. We sold 1,039,480 kWh of biomass electricity in the six months ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of 120,437 kWh, or 10.38%, as compared with 1,159,917 kWh in the same period of 2019. The decrease was mainly due to decreased activated carbon production at our Tahe Biopower Plant during the six months ended March 31, 2020.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, our average selling price for biomass electricity decreased by \$0.05, or 50%, to \$0.05 per kWh from \$0.10 per kWh for the same period of 2019. Average selling price of biomass electricity is set by the State Commodity Price Bureau (the "SCPB") that governs the industry. The selling price of biomass electricity comprises of two parts, the standard rate and the biomass incentive rate. Starting from January 1, 2019, the SCPB delayed the settlement of the biomass incentive portion due to delayed government subsidy received by State Grid. Therefore, we did not recognize the portion of revenue for biomass incentive rate starting January 1, 2019, because we were not certain when we would receive this portion. The revenue related to the biomass incentive portion will be recognized upon being received.

Technical services

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, revenue from technical services increased by \$64,175, or 100%, to \$64,175 from \$Nil for the same period of 2019. We provided technical services related to our products during the period from October 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020. We provide technical services to our customers when requested, and, since no customer requested our technical services during the six months ended March 31, 2019, we did not record any revenue during that period.

Cost of Revenue

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our cost of revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

Product type	Total cost of revenue for the six months ended March 31,						Average unit cost		Variance	
	2020		2019		Variance		2020	2019	Unit cost	%
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%				
Activated carbon	\$ 2,745,302	96.24%	\$ 3,253,646	96.94%	\$ (508,344)	(15.62)%	\$ 925.28	\$ 852.64	\$ 72.64	8.52%
Biomass electricity	105,341	3.69%	102,730	3.06%	2,611	2.54%	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.01	11.11%
Technical services	1,908	0.07%	-	-	1,908	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	<u>\$ 2,852,551</u>	100.00%	<u>\$ 3,356,376</u>	100.00%	<u>\$ (503,825)</u>	(15.01)%				

Cost of activated carbon decreased by \$508,344, or 15.62%, to \$2,745,302 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, from \$3,253,646 for the same period of 2019, which was mainly due to the decreased sales volume because of the COVID-19 outbreak in China. Average unit cost of activated carbon increased by \$72.64, or 8.52%, to \$925.28 per ton in the six months ended March 31, 2020, from \$852.64 per ton in the same period of 2019. The increase in the average unit cost was mainly affected as a result of the recent COVID-19 outbreak. Our unit fixed costs such as depreciation and amortization did not decrease even during the temporary business shutdown period.

Cost of biomass electricity slightly increased by \$2,611, or 2.54%, to \$105,341 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, from \$102,730 for the same period of 2019. Average unit cost of biomass electricity increased by \$0.01, or 11.11%, to \$0.10 per kWh in six months ended March 31, 2020, from \$0.09 per kWh in the same period of 2019. The increases in cost were mainly due to the decrease in production volume because of the COVID-19 outbreak, as less production volume increased the fixed cost of the unit.

Gross Profit

Total gross profit was \$1,090,908 for six months ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$320,793, or 22.72%, from \$1,411,701 in the same period of 2019. Gross profit margin was 27.66% in six months ended March 31, 2020, as compared with 29.61% in the same period of 2019. The decrease in gross profit margin by 1.95% was primarily attributable to the increased average unit cost in the six months ended March 31, 2020.

Our gross profit and gross margin by product types were as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended March 31,				Variance	
	2020		2019		Gross profit	Gross Profit %
	Gross profit	Gross profit %	Gross profit	Gross profit %		
Activated carbon	\$ 1,084,919	28.33%	\$ 1,400,079	30.09%	\$ (315,160)	(1.76)%
Biomass electricity	(56,278)	(114.71)%	11,622	10.16%	(67,900)	(124.87)%
Technical services	62,267	97.03%	-	-	62,267	97.03%
Total	\$ 1,090,908	27.66%	\$ 1,411,701	29.61%	\$ (320,793)	(1.95)%

Gross profit for activated carbon decreased by \$315,160 to \$1,084,919 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, as compared to \$1,400,079 for the same period of 2019. The decrease was mainly due to the decreased sales volume of activated carbon. Gross profit margin decreased to 28.33% in the six months ended March 31, 2020, from 30.09% in the same period of 2019. The decrease was mainly because our average unit cost increase ratio was higher than our average selling price increase ratio, as mentioned above.

Gross profit for biomass electricity decreased by \$67,900 to a deficit of \$56,278 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, as compared to \$11,622 for the same period of 2019. Gross profit margin decreased to negative 114.71% in the six months ended March 31, 2020, from 10.16% in the same period of 2019. The decrease was mainly due to decreased selling price and increased unit cost of biomass electricity in the six months ended March 31, 2020, as mentioned above.

Gross profit for technical services increased by \$62,267 to \$62,267 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, as compared to \$Nil for the same period of 2019. We recognized the technical services revenue over the service period from October 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, and no technical service revenue was recognized during the six months ended March 31, 2019.

Selling Expenses

Selling expenses were \$100,845 for six months ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$24,276, or 19.40%, from \$125,121 in the same period of 2019. The decrease was consistent with the decrease of revenue and was primarily due to a decrease of approximately \$40,000 in shipping expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses

Our general and administrative expenses were \$470,234 for six months ended March 31, 2020, an increase of \$56,806, or 13.74%, from \$413,428 in the same period of 2019. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in professional service and other related expenses incurred during the six months ended March 31, 2020 for the proposed initial public offering.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses include costs directly attributable to the conduct of research and development projects, including raw materials, equipment parts, salaries, and other employee benefits. Research and development expenses decreased by \$206,639, or 47.79%, to \$225,792 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, from \$432,431 in same period of 2019. During the six months ended March 31, 2019, we hired more professionals and conducted experiments to upgrade our production equipment to improve its productivity. We also used a significant amount of raw materials for testing. On the other hand, during the six months ended March 31, 2020, we did not have any research and development activities in January and February 2020, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, research and development expenses in the six months ended March 31, 2020 decreased significantly as compared with the same period of 2019.

Government Subsidy Income

We receive various government subsidies from time to time, such as the “VAT refund” and “Special Fund Subsidy.” Our government subsidies were all granted by local governments in recognition of our achievements. We cannot predict the likelihood or amount of any future subsidies.

Our subsidiary Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Tahe Biopower Plant, are entitled to obtain a 70% VAT refund as they meet the requirements of national comprehensive utilization of resources program. *For more details, please see “Regulations—PRC Regulations Relating to Taxation—Tax Incentives.”* For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, a VAT refund in the amount of \$205,152 and \$211,205 was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

In January 2014, April 2014, and December 2019, we received government subsidies of approximately \$840,000, \$140,000, and \$140,000 for equipment of energy projects, respectively. These subsidies were one-time grants, and we recognize the income over the useful lives of the equipment. As of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, a balance of unrecognized government grants in the amount of \$699,512 and \$605,005 was recorded in deferred revenue account, respectively. During the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, \$51,269 and \$52,627 was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

Provision for Income Taxes

Our income tax slightly increased by \$1,990, or 9.24%, from \$21,526 for the six months ended March 31, 2019, to \$23,516 for the six months ended March 31, 2020. The increase in income tax expenses was primarily due to the increased taxable income during the six months ended March 31, 2020, caused by the decreased super deduction of research and development expenses.

In November 2016, Khingan Forasen was approved as a High and New Technology Enterprise (“HNTE”), and as a result, Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Tahe Biopower Plant, have been entitled to a reduced income tax rate of 15% beginning November 2016, subject to a requirement that they re-apply for HNTE status every three years. Khingan Forasen was reapproved for its HNTE status on December 3, 2019 and continues to enjoy the reduced income tax rate for the next three years. In addition, 10% of the revenue from activated carbon produced by Tahe Biopower Plant was exempt from income tax for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, because Tahe Biopower Plant met the requirements of the national comprehensive utilization of resources program.

Net Income

As a result of the foregoing, our net income for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, was \$522,827 and \$684,137, respectively.

Other comprehensive income

Foreign currency translation adjustments amounted to a gain of \$118,400 and \$416,013 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The balance sheet amounts with the exception of equity at March 31, 2020, were translated at RMB1.00 to \$0.1411 as compared to RMB1.00 to \$0.1401 at September 30, 2019. The equity accounts were stated at their historical rates. The average translation rate applied to the income statements accounts for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, was RMB1.00 to \$0.1426 and RMB1.00 to \$0.1464, respectively. The changes in the value of the RMB relative to the U.S. dollar may affect our financial results reported in the U.S. dollar terms without giving effect to any underlying change in our business or results of operation.

The impact attributable to changes in revenue and expenses due to foreign currency translation is summarized as follows.

	For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2020	For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2019
Impact on revenue	\$ (43,137)	\$ 85,338
Impact on operating expenses	\$ (7,076)	\$ 18,346
Impact on net income	\$ (7,360)	\$ 11,793

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, if using RMB1.00 to \$0.1411 (the foreign exchange rate as of March 31, 2020) to translate our revenue, operating expense, and net income, our reported revenue, operating expenses, and net income would have decreased by \$43,137, \$7,076, and \$7,360, respectively.

For the six months ended March 31, 2019, if using RMB1.00 to \$0.1490 (the foreign exchange rate as of March 31, 2019) to translate our revenue, operating expense, and net income, our reported revenue, operating expenses, and net income would have increased by \$85,338, \$18,346, and \$11,793, respectively.

Comparison of Results of Operations for the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and provides information regarding the dollar and percentage increase or (decrease) during such periods.

	Fiscal Years Ended September 30,		Variance	
	2019	2018	Amount	%
Revenue	\$ 10,893,164	\$ 8,091,937	\$ 2,801,227	34.62%
Cost of revenue	7,920,879	6,274,484	1,646,395	26.24%
Gross profit	2,972,285	1,817,453	1,154,832	63.54%
Selling expenses	332,621	307,742	24,879	8.08%
General and administrative expenses	857,765	410,710	447,055	108.85%
Research and development expenses	593,992	43,723	550,269	1258.53%
Income from operations	1,187,907	1,055,278	132,629	12.57%
Interest expense	(6,553)	-	(6,553)	(100.00)%
Government subsidy income	587,958	655,029	(67,071)	(10.24)%
Other income (expenses), net	7,311	(35,060)	42,371	(120.85)%
Income before income taxes	1,776,623	1,675,247	101,376	6.05%
Provision for income taxes	108,811	112,629	(3,818)	(3.39)%
Net income	1,667,812	1,562,618	105,194	6.73%
Other comprehensive loss:	(712,400)	(578,092)	(134,308)	23.23%
Comprehensive income	\$ 955,412	\$ 984,526	\$ (29,114)	(2.96)%

Revenue

Currently, we have three main types of revenue streams derived from our three major products and services: activated carbon, biomass electricity, and technical services. Total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, increased by \$2,801,227, or 34.62%, to \$10,893,164 from \$8,091,937 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. The increase was mainly due to an increase in sales volume of activated carbon in fiscal year 2019.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively:

	Fiscal Years Ended September 30,				Variance	
	2019	%	2018	%	Amount	%
Activated carbon	\$ 10,491,592	96.31%	\$ 7,670,000	94.79%	\$ 2,821,592	36.79%
Biomass electricity	195,721	1.80%	381,800	4.71%	(186,079)	(48.74)%
Technical services	205,851	1.89%	40,137	0.50%	165,714	412.87%
Total	\$ 10,893,164	100.00%	\$ 8,091,937	100.00%	\$ 2,801,227	34.62%

Product/service type	Total revenue for fiscal years ended September 30,		QTY sold in 2019	QTY sold in 2018	Variance in QTY	% of QTY variance	Average unit price		Price Difference
	2019	2018					2019	2018	
Activated carbon	\$10,491,592	\$7,670,000	8,584ton	6,200ton	2,384	38.45%	\$1,222.23	\$1,237.10	\$ (14.87)
Biomass electricity	195,721	381,800	3,044,574kWh	3,872,866kWh	(828,292)	(21.39)%	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.04)
Technical services	205,851	40,137	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	\$10,893,164	\$8,091,937							

Activated carbon

Revenue from activated carbon for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, increased by \$2,821,592, or 36.79%, to \$10,491,592 from \$7,670,000 for fiscal year 2018. The increase was mainly attributable to the higher sales volume in fiscal year 2019. We sold 8,584 tons of activated carbon in fiscal year 2019, an increase of 2,384 tons, or 38.45%, as compared with 6,200 tons in fiscal year 2018. During fiscal year 2019, we increased our effort to develop the market and seek new customers, and, as a result, our sales of activated carbon have continued to grow steadily. We acquired two new major customers in fiscal year 2019, who brought in approximately \$2.84 million, or 26.04%, of our total revenue from activated carbon for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

Average selling price of activated carbon decreased by \$14.87, or 1.20%, to \$1,222.23 per ton for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, from \$1,237.10 per ton for fiscal year 2018. The decrease was attributable to the depreciation of RMB against U.S. dollar. The average exchange rates for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, were RMB1 to \$0.1455 and RMB1 to \$0.1530, respectively, representing a decrease of 4.90%.

Biomass electricity

Revenue from biomass electricity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, decreased by \$186,079, or 48.74%, to \$195,721 from \$381,800 for fiscal year 2018. The biomass electricity was generated in the process of producing activated carbon and supplied to State Grid Heilongjiang pursuant to a biomass electricity sales agreement, which is renewed annually. We sold 3,044,574 kWh of biomass electricity in fiscal year 2019, a decrease of 828,292 kWh, or 21.39%, as compared with 3,872,866 kWh in fiscal year 2018. The decrease was mainly due to decreased activated carbon production at our Tahe Biopower Plant during fiscal year 2019.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, average selling price for biomass electricity decreased by \$0.04, or 40%, to \$0.06 per kWh from \$0.10 per kWh for fiscal year 2018. Average selling price of biomass electricity is set by the SCPB that governs the industry. The selling price of biomass electricity comprises of two parts, the standard rate and the biomass incentive rate. Starting from January 1, 2019, the SCPB delayed the settlement of the biomass incentive portion due to delayed government subsidy received by State Grid. Therefore, for fiscal year 2019, we did not recognize the portion of revenue for biomass incentive rate, because we were not certain when we would receive this portion.

Technical services

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, revenue from technical services increased by \$165,714, or 412.87%, to \$205,851 from \$40,137 for fiscal year 2018. We provided technical services related to our products to the same customer in fiscal year 2018 and 2019. The increase was mainly due to a longer service period, from three months in fiscal year 2018 to six months in fiscal year 2019, and more services provided in fiscal year 2019.

Cost of Revenue

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our cost of revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively:

Product/service type	Total cost of revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30,						Average unit cost		Variance	
	2019		2018		Variance		2019	2018	Unit cost	%
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%				
Activated carbon	\$7,672,632	96.87%	\$5,987,791	95.43%	\$1,684,841	28.14%	\$ 893.83	\$ 965.77	\$ (71.94)	(7.45)%
Biomass electricity	244,354	3.08%	284,260	4.53%	(39,906)	(14.04)%	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.01	14.66%
Technical services	3,893	0.05%	2,433	0.04%	1,460	60%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	<u>\$7,920,879</u>	100.00%	<u>\$6,274,484</u>	100.00%	<u>\$1,646,395</u>	26.24%				

Cost of activated carbon increased by \$1,684,841, or 28.14%, to \$7,672,632 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 from \$5,987,791 for fiscal year 2018, which was mainly due to the increased sales volume. Average unit cost of activated carbon decreased by \$71.94, or 7.45%, to \$893.83 per ton in fiscal year 2019 from \$965.77 per ton in fiscal year 2018. The decrease in the average unit cost was mainly attributable to: 1) large-scale production, which lowered the unit fixed cost of activated carbon, such as depreciation, overhead, and lower market price for the main raw material of activated carbon, wood chips; and 2) depreciation of RMB against U.S. dollar.

Cost of biomass electricity decreased by \$39,906, or 14.04%, to \$244,354 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, from \$284,260 for fiscal year 2018, which was mainly due to the decreased sales volume. Average unit cost of biomass electricity increased by \$0.01, or 14.66%, to \$0.08 per kWh in fiscal year 2019 from \$0.07 per kWh in fiscal year 2018. The increase was mainly attributable to the depreciation of RMB against U.S. dollar. The average exchange rates for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, were RMB1 to \$0.1455 and RMB1 to \$0.1530, respectively, representing a decrease of 4.90%.

Gross Profit

Total gross profit was \$2,972,285 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, an increase of \$1,154,832, or 63.54%, from \$1,817,453 in fiscal year 2018. Gross profit margin was 27.29% in fiscal year 2019, as compared with 22.46% in fiscal year 2018. The increase in gross profit margin by 4.83% was primarily attributable to the decreased average unit cost in fiscal year 2019.

Our gross profit and gross margin by product types were as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended September 30,				Variance	
	2019		2018		Gross profit	Gross Profit %
	Gross profit	Gross profit %	Gross profit	Gross profit %		
Activated carbon	\$ 2,818,960	26.87%	\$ 1,682,209	21.93%	\$ 1,136,751	4.94%
Biomass electricity	(48,633)	(24.85)%	97,540	25.55%	(146,173)	(50.40)%
Technical services	201,958	98.11%	37,704	93.94%	164,254	4.17%
Total	<u>\$ 2,972,285</u>	27.29%	<u>\$ 1,817,453</u>	22.46%	<u>\$ 1,154,832</u>	4.83%

Gross profit for activated carbon increased by \$1,136,751 to \$2,818,960 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, as compared to \$1,682,209 for fiscal year 2018. The increase was mainly due to the increased sales volume of activated carbon. Gross profit margin increased to 26.87% in fiscal year 2019 from 21.93% in fiscal year 2018. The increase was mainly attributable to the combined effect of the decrease in our average unit cost, and the slight decrease in our average selling price.

Gross profit for biomass electricity decreased by \$146,173 to a deficit of \$48,633 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, as compared to \$97,540 for fiscal year 2018. Gross profit margin decreased to negative 24.85% in fiscal year 2019 from 25.55% in fiscal year 2018. The decrease was mainly due to decreased selling price of biomass electricity in fiscal year 2019 as mentioned above.

Gross profit for technical services increased by \$164,254 to \$201,958 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, as compared to \$37,704 for fiscal year 2018. The increase was mainly due to the increased revenue generated from technical services in fiscal year 2019. We provided technical services to one of our customers related to the activated carbon we sold.

Selling Expenses

Selling expenses were \$332,621 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, an increase of \$24,879, or 8.08%, from \$307,742 in fiscal year 2018. The increase was consistent with the increase of revenue and was primarily due to an increase of approximately \$12,370 in shipping expenses and approximately \$7,430 in payroll expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses

Our general and administrative expenses were \$857,765 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, an increase of \$447,055, or 108.85%, from \$410,710 in fiscal year 2018. The increase was primarily attributable to the following factors:

- an increase in audit fee of approximately \$280,000 related to preparation for our proposed initial public offering in fiscal year 2019;
- an increase in service fees of approximately \$33,000 due to an increase of High-tech enterprise identification renew service and accounting software update service; and
- an increase in rental expenses related to our headquarters office of approximately \$31,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses include costs directly attributable to the conduct of research and development projects, including raw materials, equipment parts, salaries, and other employee benefits. Research and development expenses increased by \$550,269, or 1,258.53%, to \$593,992 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, from \$43,723 in fiscal year 2018. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, we hired more professionals and conducted experiments to upgrade our production equipment to improve its productivity. We also used a significant amount of raw materials for testing. Therefore, research and development expenses increased significantly in fiscal year 2019.

Government Subsidy Income

We receive various government subsidies from time to time, such as the "VAT refund" and "Special Fund Subsidy." Our government subsidies were all granted by local governments in recognition of our achievements. We cannot predict the likelihood or amount of any future subsidies.

Our subsidiary Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Tahe Biopower Plant, are entitled to obtain a 70% VAT refund as they meet the requirements of national comprehensive utilization of resources program. *For more details, please see "Regulations—PRC Regulations Relating to Taxation—Tax Incentives."* For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, a VAT refund in the amount of \$483,367 and \$540,082 was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

In January 2014 and April 2014, we received government subsidies of approximately \$840,000 and \$140,000 for equipment of energy projects, respectively. These subsidies were one-time grants, and we recognize the income over the useful lives of the equipment. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, \$104,591 and 114,947 was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

Other Income (expenses), net

Other income (expenses), net increased by \$42,371, to \$7,311 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, from other expenses of \$35,060 for fiscal year 2018. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in the non-recurring income during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

Provision for Income Taxes

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, our income tax expense slightly decreased by \$3,818, or 3.39%, from \$112,629 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, to \$108,811 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The decrease in income tax expense was primarily due to the

decreased taxable income during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, caused by the increased super deduction of research and development expenses.

In November 2016, Khingan Forasen was approved as an HNTE, and as a result, Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Tahe Biopower Plant, have been entitled to a reduced income tax rate of 15% beginning November 2016, subject to a requirement that they re-apply for HNTE status every three years. Khingan Forasen was reapproved for its HNTE status on December 3, 2019 and will continue to enjoy the reduced income tax rate for the next three years. In addition, 10% of the revenue from activated carbon produced by Tahe Biopower Plant were exempt from income tax for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, because Tahe Biopower Plant met the requirements of national comprehensive utilization of resources program.

Net Income

As a result of the foregoing, our net income for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, was \$1,667,812 and \$1,562,618, respectively.

Other comprehensive loss

Foreign currency translation adjustments amounted to a loss of \$712,400 and \$578,092 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The balance sheet amounts with the exception of equity at September 30, 2019, were translated at RMB1.00 to \$0.1401 as compared to RMB1.00 to \$0.1456 at September 30, 2018. The equity accounts were stated at their historical rates. The average translation rates applied to the income statements accounts for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, were RMB1.00 to \$0.1455 and RMB1.00 to \$0.1530, respectively. The changes in the value of the RMB relative to the U.S. dollar may affect our financial results reported in the U.S. dollar terms without giving effect to any underlying change in our business or results of operation.

The impact attributable to changes in revenue and expenses due to foreign currency translation are summarized as follows.

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2018
Impact on revenue	\$ (402,874)	\$ (393,999)
Impact on operating expenses	\$ (55,638)	\$ (44,540)
Impact on net income	\$ (72,038)	\$ (76,084)

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, if using RMB1.00 to \$0.1401 (the foreign exchange rate as of September 30, 2019) to translate our revenue, operating expense, and net income, our reported revenue, operation expense, and net income would have decreased by \$402,874, \$55,638, and \$72,038, respectively.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, if using RMB1.00 to \$0.1456 (the foreign exchange rate as of September 30, 2018) to translate our revenue, operating expense, and net income, our reported revenue, operation expense, and net income would have decreased by \$393,999, \$44,540, and \$76,084, respectively.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We are a holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. We may need dividends and other distributions on equity from our PRC subsidiaries to satisfy our liquidity requirements. Current PRC regulations permit our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us only out of their accumulated profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, our PRC subsidiaries are required to set aside at least 10% of their respective accumulated profits each year, if any, to fund certain reserve funds until the total amount set aside reaches 50% of their respective registered capital. Our PRC subsidiaries may also allocate a portion of its after-tax profits based on PRC accounting standards to employee welfare and bonus funds at their discretion. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. We have relied on direct payments of expenses by our revenue generating subsidiaries to meet our obligations to date. Furthermore, cash transfers from our PRC subsidiaries to their parent companies outside of China are subject to PRC government control of currency conversion. Shortages in the availability of foreign currency may restrict the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to remit sufficient foreign currency to pay dividends or other payments to their parent companies outside of China, or otherwise satisfy their foreign currency denominated obligations. *See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in PRC—We may rely on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our PRC subsidiaries to fund any cash and financing requirement we may have, and any limitation on the ability of our subsidiaries to make payments to us and any tax we are required to pay could have a materially adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.”*

As of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, we had cash on hand in the amount of \$1,043,942 and \$1,560,335, respectively. Total current assets as of March 31, 2020, amounted to \$10,067,415, a slight increase of \$58,315 compared to \$10,009,100 at September 30, 2019. Current liabilities amounted to \$4,682,627 on March 31, 2020, decreased by \$1,039,529 in comparison to \$5,722,156 on September 30, 2019. This decrease of current liabilities was mainly attributable to a decrease in accounts payable. As our performance improves, we are able to make more timely payment to our suppliers.

We periodically receive VAT refund, a government subsidy, from the local government in recognition our achievements. Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Tahe Biopower Plant, are entitled to obtain a 70% VAT refund as they meet the requirements of national comprehensive utilization of resources program. We do not have performance obligations regarding our receipts of subsidy income. We expect that Khingan Forasen and Tahe Biopower Plant will remain available to enjoy this preferential treatment until the local government amends or cancels the relevant policy. This preferential treatment will increase the amount of cash available to our company.

We have historically funded our working capital needs from operations, bank borrowings, advance payments from customers, and additional capital contributions from shareholders. Currently, our principal sources of liquidity are our operations. This public offering, if completed, would provide us with additional capital resources. The primary drivers and material factors impacting our liquidity and capital resources include our ability to generate sufficient cash flows from our operations, and whether or not we can successfully complete our initial public offering to ensure our future growth and expansion plans. As of March 31, 2020, we had total assets of approximately \$23.9 million, which included cash of approximately \$1.0 million, accounts receivable of approximately \$4.4 million, advances to suppliers of approximately \$2.2 million and inventory of approximately \$2.4 million, working capital of approximately \$5.4 million, and stockholders' equity of approximately \$18.6 million.

Working Capital

Total working capital as of March 31, 2020, amounted to \$5,384,788, compared to \$4,286,944 as of September 30, 2019.

Capital Needs

Our capital needs include our daily working capital needs and capital needs to finance the development of our business. With the uncertainty of the current market and the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, our management believes it is necessary to enhance the collection of outstanding balance of accounts receivable and other receivables, and to be cautious on operational decisions and project selections. As of June 23, 2020, approximately \$2.02 million, or 46%, of our accounts receivable balance as of March 31, 2020 was collected. Our management believes that income generated from our current operations can satisfy our daily working capital needs over the next 12 months.

We may also raise additional capital through public offerings or private placements to finance our business development and to consummate any merger or acquisition, if necessary. Such transfer of funds from CN Energy or any of our offshore subsidiaries to our PRC subsidiaries is subject to the PRC regulatory restrictions and procedures: (i) the capital increase of the existing PRC subsidiaries and establishment of new PRC subsidiaries must be either filed with or approved by the Ministry of Commerce or its local counterparts depending on whether the business of the PRC subsidiary is subject to restrictions with respect to foreign investment under the PRC law, and registered with local banks authorized by SAFE; and (ii) loans to any of our PRC subsidiaries must not exceed the statutory limits and must be filed with SAFE. See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in PRC—PRC regulation of loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies and governmental control of currency conversion may delay or prevent us from using the proceeds of this offering to make loans or additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, which could materially and adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.”

Cash Flows

The following table sets forth a summary of our cash flows for the periods indicated:

	For the six months ended March 31,		For the years ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2019	2018
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (199,883)	\$ 382,391	\$ 148,540	\$ (2,916,519)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(413)	(407,982)	(1,214,180)	4,830,963
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(332,663)	228,952	790,271	-
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	16,566	48,585	(61,098)	(95,652)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(516,393)	251,946	(336,467)	1,818,792
Cash, beginning of period	1,560,335	1,896,802	1,896,802	78,010
Cash, end of period	\$ 1,043,942	\$ 2,148,748	\$ 1,560,335	\$ 1,896,802

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$199,883 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$382,391 in the same period of 2019. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily attributable to the following factors:

- Cash provided by accounts receivable decreased by \$1.9 million when comparing the six months ended March 31, 2020, to the same period of 2019. During the six months ended March 31, 2020, the collection of accounts receivable slowed down because business activities were stopped from late January to early March 2020, due to the COVID-19 outbreak in China. As a result, the accounts receivable turn over in the six months ended March 31, 2020 was slower than the same period of 2019; and
- Cash provided by prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased by \$2.7 million when comparing the six months ended March 31, 2020, to the same period of 2019. The main reason was that we fully collected the outstanding balance of due from third parties in the six months ended March 31, 2019, while no such activities occurred in the same period of 2020;

And offset by the following factors:

- Cash used in advances to suppliers decreased by \$1.6 million when comparing the six months ended March 31, 2020, to the same period of 2019. The main reason was that business activities were stopped due to the COVID-19 outbreak during the six months ended March 31, 2020, and our demand for raw materials decreased during this period; and
- Cash used in accounts payable decreased by \$1.9 million when comparing the six months ended March 31 2020, to the same period of 2019. The decrease was also due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak as mentioned above.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$148,540 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, compared to cash used in operating activities of \$2,916,519 in fiscal year 2018. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily attributable to the following factors:

- Cash used in accounts receivable decreased by \$0.6 million when comparing the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, to the same period of fiscal year 2018. The decrease was mainly due to the less significant revenue increase in fiscal year 2019;
- Cash provided by prepaid expenses and other current assets increased by \$3.6 million when comparing the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, to the same period of fiscal year 2018. The main reason was that we fully collected the outstanding balance of due from third parties in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019; and
- Cash provided by accrued expenses and other current liabilities increased by \$1.6 million when comparing the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, to the same period of fiscal year 2018. The increase was associated with increased prepayment from customers for products, which have not been provided or rendered as of the prior year’s balance sheet date, and the criteria of revenue recognition have not been met;

And offset by the following factors:

- Cash provided by inventory decreased by \$1.4 million when comparing the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, to the same period of fiscal year 2018. Our inventory level fluctuated based on the orders we received and the fluctuation of raw material prices. In addition, as we expanded our business rapidly in fiscal year 2018, we had decreased our inventory substantially in fiscal year 2018 by selling our products and
- Cash used in accounts payable increased by \$2.7 million when comparing the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, to the same period of fiscal year 2018. The increase was mainly due to that in fiscal year 2019, we made more payments to our raw material suppliers timely.

Investing Activities

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, net cash used in investing activities amounted to \$413 as compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$407,982 for the same period of 2019. The decrease was primarily due to that in the six months ended March 31, 2019, we made payments associated with the acquisition of land use right, offset by a decrease in collection of notes receivable and collection on loans to related parties, while there were no such activities in the same period of 2020.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, net cash used in investing activities amounted to \$1.2 million as compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$4.8 million for the same period of 2018. The decrease of approximately \$6.0 million was primarily due to payments associated with the acquisition of land use right, payments made for the construction of our new facility in Manzhouli City, and a decrease in collection on loans to related parties in fiscal year 2019.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$332,663 for the six months ended March 31, 2020. During the six months ended March 31, 2020, we repaid \$451,219 related party loans, which were offset by proceeds from short-term bank loan of \$145,464, which we borrowed from Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Tahe Branch (“ICBC”) as working capital.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$228,952 for the six months ended March 31, 2019. During the six months ended March 31, 2019, we borrowed RMB2 million (equivalent to \$292,774) short-term bank loan from ICBC as working capital.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$790,271 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, we borrowed RMB2 million (equivalent to \$288,027) short-term bank loan from ICBC, and borrowed \$502,244 related party loans as working capital.

Loan Facilities

On March 25, 2019, Tahe Biopower Plant entered into a credit loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB2 million as its working capital with an interest rate equaling 110% of the prime interest rate set by PBOC at the time of borrowing. This loan was unsecured and due upon maturity on September 21, 2019. On September 19, 2019, Tahe Biopower Plant renewed this loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB1.98 million (equivalent to \$277,374 as of September 30, 2019) as working capital with an interest rate equaling 115% of the prime interest rate set by PBOC at the time of borrowing (5.0025% as of September 30, 2019). The loan was unsecured and the new maturity date was March 17, 2020. This loan was fully repaid upon maturity on March 16, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, Tahe Biopower Plant entered into two loan agreements with ICBC to borrow a total of RMB2 million (equivalent to \$282,104 as of March 31, 2020) as working capital with an interest rate equaling the Loan Prime Rate (the “LPR”) set by PBOC at the time of borrowing plus 80 bps (4.85%). Tahe Biopower Plant received the proceeds on March 20, 2020. The loans are unsecured and the maturity date is September 12, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, Tahe Biopower Plant entered into another loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB1 million (equivalent to \$141,052 as of March 31, 2020) as working capital with an interest rate equaling the LPR set by PBOC at the time of borrowing plus 80 bps (4.85%). The maturity date of this loan is September 13, 2020.

On May 22, 2020, Khingan Forasen entered into a short-term loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB5 million (approximately \$705,000) as working capital, with an interest rate equaling the LPR set by PBOC at the time of borrowing plus 50 bps (4.35%). Khingan Forasen received the proceeds on May 26, 2020. The term of the loan is 12 months from the date the proceeds were received. The loan is guaranteed by a third party, Heilongjiang Xinzheng Financing Guarantee Group Co., Ltd., and property and equipment of Khingan Forasen.

Contractual Obligations

We lease one main office space under operating lease through August 9, 2020. The following table summarizes our contractual obligations, which are comprised entirely of operating lease obligations, as of March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2019, and the effect these obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flows in future periods:

12 months ending March 31,	
2021	\$ 22,461
Total	\$ 22,461
12 months ending September 30,	
2020	\$ 32,316
Total	\$ 32,316

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have not entered into any financial guarantees or other commitments to guarantee the payment obligations of any third parties. In addition, we have not entered into any derivative contracts that are indexed to our own shares and classified as stockholders’ equity, or that are not reflected in our consolidated

financial statements. Furthermore, we do not have any retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support to such entity. Moreover, we do not have any variable interest in any unconsolidated entity that we provide financing, liquidity, market risk or credit support to or engages in hedging or research and development services with us.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (“U.S. GAAP”) requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures in the financial statements. Critical accounting policies are those accounting policies that may be material due to the levels of subjectivity and judgment necessary to account for highly uncertain matters or the susceptibility of such matters to change, and that have a material impact on financial condition or operating performance. While we base our estimates and judgments on our experience and on various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies used in the preparation of our financial statements require significant judgments and estimates. For additional information relating to these and other accounting policies, see *Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements* included elsewhere in this report.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, the valuation of inventory, accounts receivable, advances to suppliers, useful lives of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, the recoverability of long-lived assets, provision necessary for contingent liabilities, revenue recognition, and realization of deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

We account for revenue recognition under Accounting Standards Codification 606 (“ASC 606”), Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Our revenue is mainly from the sale of two types of products, activated carbon and biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon. For the sale of activated carbon, we recognize revenue when title and risk of loss passes and the customer accepts the products, which generally occurs at delivery. Product delivery is evidenced by warehouse shipping log as well as signed shipping bills from the shipping company, or by receipt document signed by the customer upon delivery, depending on the delivery term negotiated between us and customers on a customer-by-customer basis. For the sale of biomass electricity, revenue is recognized over time as the biomass electricity is delivered, which occurs when the biomass electricity is transmitted from our power plant to the provincial power grid company. The amount is based on the reading of meters, which occurs on a systematic basis throughout each reporting period and represents the market value of the biomass electricity delivered. We also provide technical services to customers who purchase activated carbon from us. The revenue of technical services is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period as earned.

The transaction price of activated carbon is determined based on fixed consideration in our customer contracts. Pursuant to the power purchase agreements entered into between us and the respective provincial power grid company, our sales of biomass electricity were made to the power grid company at the tariff rates agreed with the provincial power grid company as approved by the relevant government authorities in the PRC. In determining the transaction price, no significant financing components exist since the timing from when we invoice our customers to when payment is received is less than one year.

Revenue is reported net of all value added taxes. We generally do not permit customers to return products and historically, customer returns have been immaterial. In the event we receive an advance from a customer, such advance is recorded as a liability to us. We reduce the liability and recognize revenue after the delivery of goods occurs.

The core principle underlying the revenue recognition ASC 606 is that we recognize revenue to represent the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled in such exchange. This requires us to identify contractual performance obligations and determine whether revenue should be recognized at a point in time or over time, based on when control of goods and services transfers to a customer. Our sales contracts of activated carbon have one single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual goods is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and is, therefore, not distinct. Therefore, the sale of activated carbon is recognized at a point in time. Our sales contracts of biomass electricity have a single performance obligation that represents a promise to transfer to the customer a series of distinct goods that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer. Our performance obligation is satisfied over time as biomass electricity is delivered.

The contract assets are recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as accounts receivable as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019. For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, revenue recognized from performance obligations related to prior periods was insignificant. Revenue expected to be recognized in any future periods related to remaining performance obligations is insignificant.

We have elected the following practical expedients in applying ASC 606:

- Unsatisfied Performance Obligations – for all performance obligations relate to contracts with a duration of less than one year, we have elected to apply the optional exemption provided in ASC 606, and therefore are not required to disclose the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period.
- Contract Costs - all incremental customer contract acquisition costs are expensed as they are incurred as the amortization period of the asset that we otherwise would have recognized is one year or less in duration.
- Significant Financing Component - we do not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component as we expect, at contract inception, that the period between when we transfer a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for that good or service will be one year or less.
- Sales Tax Exclusion from the Transaction Price - we exclude from the measurement of the transaction price all taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction and collected by us from the customer.
- Shipping and Handling Activities - we elect to account for shipping and handling activities as a fulfillment cost rather than as a separate performance obligation.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses. We review our accounts receivable on a periodic basis and make general and specific allowances when there is doubt as to the collectability of individual balances. In evaluating the collectability of individual receivable balances, we consider many factors, including the age of the balance, customer's historical payment history, customer's current credit-worthiness, and current economic trends. Accounts are written off against the allowance after efforts at collection prove unsuccessful.

Inventory

We value our inventory at the lower of cost, determined on a weighted average basis, or net realizable value. Costs include the cost of raw materials, freight, direct labor, and related production overhead. Net realizable value is estimated using selling price in the normal course of business less any costs to complete and sell products. We review our inventory periodically to determine if any reserves are necessary for potential obsolescence or if the carrying value exceeds net realizable value.

Income taxes

Our subsidiaries in the PRC and Hong Kong are subject to the income tax laws of the PRC and Hong Kong. No taxable income was generated outside the PRC for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018. We account for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes." ASC 740 requires an asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for income taxes and allows recognition and measurement of deferred tax assets based upon the likelihood of realization of tax benefits in future years. Under the asset and liability approach, deferred taxes are provided for the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. A valuation allowance is provided for deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not these items will either expire before we are able to realize their benefits, or future deductibility is uncertain.

ASC 740-10-25 prescribes a more-likely-than-not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken (or expected to be taken) in a tax return. It also provides guidance on the recognition of income tax assets and liabilities, classification accounting for interest and penalties associated with tax positions, years open for tax examination, accounting for income taxes in interim periods and income tax disclosures. There were no material uncertain tax positions as March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019. As of March 31, 2020, the tax years ended December 31, 2015, through December 31, 2019 for our PRC subsidiaries remain open for statutory examination by PRC tax authorities.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The main objective is to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, for (1) public business entities, (2) not-for-profit entities that have issued, or are conduit bond obligors for, securities that are traded, listed, or quoted on an exchange or an over-the-counter market, and (3) employee benefit plans that file financial statements with the SEC. In July 2018, the FASB issued an update that provided an additional transition option that allows companies to continue applying the guidance under the lease standard in effect at that time in the comparative periods presented in the consolidated financial statements. Companies that elect this option would record a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings on the date of adoption. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. We adopted this ASU starting October 1, 2019, and evaluated and deemed this standard has no material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): The amendments in this Update require a financial asset (or a group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The amendments broaden the information that an entity must consider in developing its expected credit loss estimate for assets measured either collectively or individually. The use of forecasted information incorporates more timely information in the estimate of expected credit loss, which will be more decision useful to users of the financial statements. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2019 for issuers and December 15, 2020 for non-issuers. Early adoption is permitted for all entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. In May 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-05, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Targeted Transition Relief. This update adds optional transition relief for entities to elect the fair value option for certain financial assets previously measured at amortized cost basis to increase comparability of similar financial assets. The updates should be applied through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective (that is, a modified retrospective approach). In November 19, 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 to amend the effective date for ASU 2016-13 to be fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022 and interim periods therein. We will adopt this ASU within annual reporting period of September 30, 2024 and expect that the adoption will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, “Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement,” to improve the effectiveness of disclosures in the notes to financial statements related to recurring or nonrecurring fair value measurements by removing amounts and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the policy for timing of transfers between levels, and the valuation processes for Level 3 fair value measurements. The new standard requires disclosure of the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements. The amendments in this update are effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. We expect that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes,” which removes certain exceptions to the general principles in Topic 740, and also improves consistent application of and simplify U.S. GAAP for other areas of Topic 740 by clarifying and amending existing guidance. For public business entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2020. For all other entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption of the amendments is permitted. We expect that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

We do not believe other recently issued but not yet effective accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, and statements of operations and cash flows.

INDUSTRY

All the information and data presented in this section have been derived from Frost & Sullivan (Beijing) Inc., Shanghai Branch Co. (“Frost & Sullivan”)’s industry report commissioned by us in July 2020 titled “The PRC Activated Carbon Manufacturing Market and Biomass Energy Market Independent Research” (the “Frost & Sullivan Report”) unless otherwise noted. Frost & Sullivan has advised us that the statistical and graphical information contained herein is drawn from its database and other sources. The following discussion contains projections for future growth, which may not occur at the rates that are projected or at all.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVATED CARBON MANUFACTURING MARKET IN THE PRC

Definition

Activated carbon is a form of carbon with high absorption ability as it has undergone additional chemical processes. It is primarily manufactured from wood, bamboo, charcoal, and various kinds of fruit shells. The manufacturing process involves crushing, sieving, catalyst activating, rinsing, drying, and screening. It has the ability to perform selective adsorption in various situations in both gas and liquid, in order to achieve decolorization, disinfection, deodorization, decontamination, and purification.

In recent years, with the continuous development of the economy and the consumption upgrade in the PRC, rising consumer awareness on the safety and purity of food, pharmaceuticals, and drinking water has increased the market demand for activated carbon products.

Classifications

Activated carbon products can be primarily classified by appearance, raw materials used, manufacturing processes, and applications.

	Types of Activated Carbon
Appearance	Powdered Activated Carbon
	Granular Activated Carbon
	Fibrous Activated Carbon
	Honeycomb Activated Carbon
	Composite Activated Carbon
Raw Material	Coal Activated Carbon
	Wood Activated Carbon
	Activated Carbon from Shell / Core
	Petroleum Activated Carbon
	Resin Activated Carbon
	Other Small Varieties of Activated Carbon Products
Manufacturing Process	Activated carbon by chemical activation
	Activated carbon by physical activation
Applications	Gas adsorption activated carbon
	Activated carbon adsorption in liquid phase
	Activated carbon for catalyst

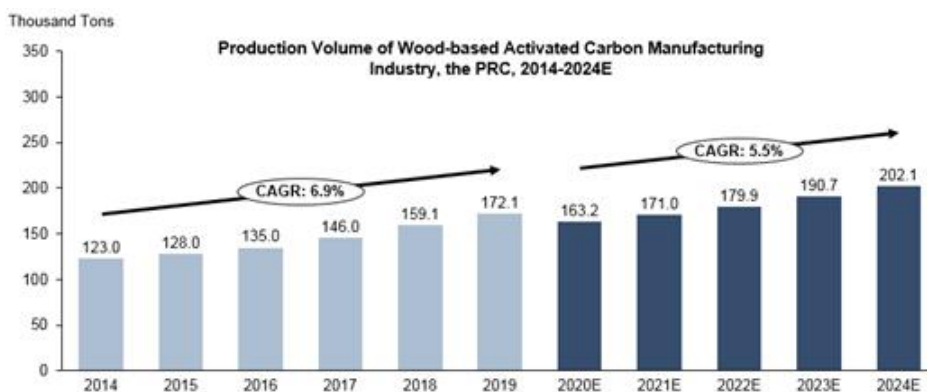
Source: The Frost & Sullivan Report

Overview of Wood-based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Industry in the PRC

The wood-based activated carbon is a kind of activated carbon made from fuelwood, sawdust, wood block, and other wooden raw materials and processed by popular processes such as physical method, phosphoric acid method, and zinc chloride method. By comparison, coal-based activated carbon is a kind of activated carbon made from coal. Since the raw materials of wood-based activated carbon are renewable and there is less emission of carbon dioxide in the production process, wood-based activated carbon is more environmentally friendly than coal-based activated carbon. The wood-based activated carbon manufacturing industry in the PRC has made remarkable achievements in the past century, especially in the past 20 years of industrial reformation and development. Manufacturing processes have developed from simple flat-plate furnace and smoldering furnace to more advanced production methods, such as rotary furnace, fluidized bed furnace, and other production processes.

The upstream suppliers of the activated carbon industrial supply chain are activated carbon raw material producers and suppliers, which include suppliers of forestry residues and packaging materials. The midstream suppliers of the supply chain are wood-based activated carbon manufacturers, whereas the downstream consumers are different industries that use activated carbon as raw materials, including the food industry, chemical industry, pharmaceutical industry and many others.

Due to the rapid development of industrial technology, stricter environmental protection regulations, and increased attention to food safety, demand for wood-based activated carbon has increased in many industries, such as the food and beverage, pharmaceutical, metallurgy, environmental engineering, and automobile industries. The production volume of wood-based activated carbon products in the PRC has increased from 123.0 thousand tons in 2014 to 172.1 thousand tons in 2019, a compound annual growth rate (“CAGR”) of 8.1% from 2014 to 2019. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak since late December 2019 and the implementation of governmental measures in response to such outbreak in the PRC, the production of wood-based activated carbon products in the PRC has slowed down in early 2020 and the production volume is expected to decline in 2020. The production volume is expected to start growing again in 2021 and is estimated to reach 202.1 thousand tons by 2024, representing a CAGR of 5.5% from 2020 to 2024.



Source: The Frost & Sullivan Report

Related Policies and Regulations

Wood-based activated carbon manufacturing industry is an industry supported by various policies such as preferential tax policies of the State.

Policies/Regulations	Issuing department	Issue Date	Details
Catalogue for Guiding Industry Restructuring (2011 edition) (2013 Amendment)	The State Development & Reform Commission	February 2013	Further processing and product development of forestry residues and sandy shrubs are encouraged.
The 12th Five-Year Plan for Circular Economy Development	The State Council	February 2012	All industries are encouraged to attach importance to the reuse of wastes generated in production and daily life.
Notice on Adjusting and Improving the Policy of Value-Added Tax on Products and Labor Services for Comprehensive Utilization of Resources	The Ministry of Finance, The State Administration of Taxation	December 2009	Activated carbon produced from three kinds of agricultural and forestry residues, such as three kinds of residues, sub-small fuelwood and crop straw, which are sold by taxpayers, is levied and refunded 80% immediately by tax authorities.
Law of the People’s Republic of China on Promoting Circular Economy	NPC Standing Committee	August 2008	The law is enacted to promote the development of circular economy, improve the efficiency of resource utilization, protect and improve the environment, and achieve sustainable development.
Notice on Publishing Preferential Catalogue of Enterprise Income Tax for Comprehensive Utilization of Resources (2008 Edition)	Ministry of Finance, The State Administration of Taxation	August 2008	Enterprises that use wood-based panels made of sawdust, bark and branches as raw materials to produce activated carbon enjoy preferential income tax according to relevant regulations.

Source: The Frost & Sullivan Report

The PRC Wood-based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Market

We believe the wood-based activated carbon manufacturing market in the PRC has the following key characteristics:

Rapid Growth Trend. Supported by the robust social and economic development in China, the downstream activated carbon industries continue to expand, especially in the fields of water treatment, air purification, automobile applications, solvent and waste gas recovery which provide a strong growth momentum to the wood-based activated carbon manufacturing market. In addition, with the improvement of people's living standards and the enhancement of environmental awareness in China, the demand for activated carbon in the food, pharmaceutical, water treatment, and air purification industries is expected to maintain a rapid growth trend.

Rising Awareness in Food Safety. Over the past decades, increasing number of food safety related incidents have caught the attention of the Chinese citizens. Because of the consumption upgrade and abundant food safety information available on the Internet, consumers in China are paying more attention to the issue of food safety, which leads rising demand for activated carbon as food and water filter and purifier by the food manufacturers. The rising standard of living and awareness of food safety in China, in particular in the Tier 1 and 2 cities, are expected to provide a strong growth momentum to the activated carbon industry, in particular wood-based activated carbon in China.

Fierce Competition. Because of an increase in the number of local and international activated carbon producers in China, increasingly fierce competition in the activated carbon manufacturing market in China has fostered industry reformation and optimization. More merger and acquisition activities are expected in the foreseeable future, as smaller and less competitive market players are eliminated whereas strong players that are able to produce activated carbon efficiently are more likely to gain market shares. As the development of activated carbon manufacturing technology in the PRC is slower compared to that in developed economies such as the U.S. and Japan, it is therefore expected that the manufacturers in China will also face fierce international competition which might hinder the development of the overall activated carbon manufacturing market in China in the coming years.

Competitive Landscape of Wood-Based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Industry in the PRC

As of 2019, the wood-based activated carbon manufacturing market in the PRC is highly competitive and fragmented; there are a few manufacturers with annual production capacity of more than 10,000 tons and the rest of industry players are relatively small-scale manufacturers with annual production capacity of thousands of tons or less. The major competitive factors of the manufacturers are price, production capacity, quality, and distribution channels. Wood-based activated carbon manufacturers are mainly located in Fujian, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, and Northeast China where forestry resources are in abundance. Wood-based activated carbon manufacturers also compete with coal-based activated carbon companies, which are mainly located in coal-rich areas such as Shanxi, Ningxia, and Inner Mongolia.

Entry Barriers

Technologies and Talent Acquisition. Major activated carbon manufacturers possess advanced technologies and professionals with extensive scientific knowledge and market know-how, allowing these manufacturers to efficiently produce high quality products, develop new products, and respond to swift market movements. New market entrants may find it difficult to develop such level of facilities and technologies or hire professionals to establish their business in the market.

High Capital Investment. As the activated carbon manufacturing industry is considered labor intensive, market entrants need to spend a large amount of capital to hire workers. On the other hand, it is necessary to invest a substantial amount of upfront capital and resources to purchase industrial machineries and raw material as well as to finance research and develop technologies. Therefore, the extensive amount of financial resources required to establish an activated carbon manufacturing business poses as an entry barrier for new market entrants.

Supply of Raw Materials. The activated carbon industry is also resource-intensive. Main raw materials for activated carbon production are mostly carbon-rich, such as coal, wood, fruit shell, coconut shell, walnut shell, apricot shell, jujube shell. An adequate, stable, and high-quality supply of such raw materials is required to guarantee stable and continuing production of activated carbon. For example, to guarantee the supply of raw materials at a reasonable cost, wood-based activated carbon manufacturers must be close to areas with rich forest resources or near timber distribution or processing zones. Limited coal and forest resources in the PRC makes it hard for new entrants to establish a stable raw materials supply system suitable for long-term procurement.

OVERVIEW OF BIOMASS ENERGY MARKET IN THE PRC

Classifications of Biomass Energy

Based on production processes, the technology of biomass can be mainly divided into four types, namely straw direct combustion power generation, biomass combined heat and power (“CHP”), biomass gasification power generation, and mixed fuel power generation.

Straw direct combustion power generation. Straw direct combustion power generation is a process of converting biomass energy into heat and electricity by directly firing straws through a special boiler. Currently, main raw materials for direct combustion power generation are agricultural and forestry biomass fuels, such as straw, forestry residues and other biomass fuels.

Biomass CHP. Biomass CHP refers to using biomass as fuel for power plants. In addition to power generation, biomass CHP technology is able to provide heat by recovering waste heat from the power generation system.

Biomass gasification power generation. Biomass gasification power generation is a process that converts agricultural and industry solid waste into a clean source of electricity by unlocking the energy in these materials. Using advanced thermal conversion technology that involves heat, and finely controlled oxygen supply, the biomass waste is transformed into hydrogen, carbon monoxide, methane and other inert gasses producing electricity and heat without combustion or high carbon emissions commonly associated with more traditional sources of power.

Mixed fuel power generation. Mixed fuel power generation technology means co-firing power generation using biomass and coal using modified material-loading system and combustion system of current coal-fired power plant. Different from the sources of biomass, such as landfill gases, biogases, or solid waste in other countries, the sources of biomass in China are mainly agricultural wastes, thus imported biomass generators cannot directly be used for mixed fuel power generation in China.

Advantages of Biomass Energy

Renewable. Biomass power is a renewable energy source that can be replenished after use. A lot of biomass fuels, such as wood and straw, can be regrown. As long as efforts are made to maintain the resources used for biomass energy through dedicated replanting, it is a fuel source that has the potential to far outlast traditional fossil fuels.

Carbon Neutrality. Biomass reduces the amount of carbon that is released into the atmosphere, easing the situation of climate change. The only carbon that is released into the atmosphere from biomass fuels is what was absorbed by the plants during their lifecycles. As these plants are replenished, the new ones absorb the same amount of carbon, which creates a carbon neutrality cycle that sees no extra carbon emission.

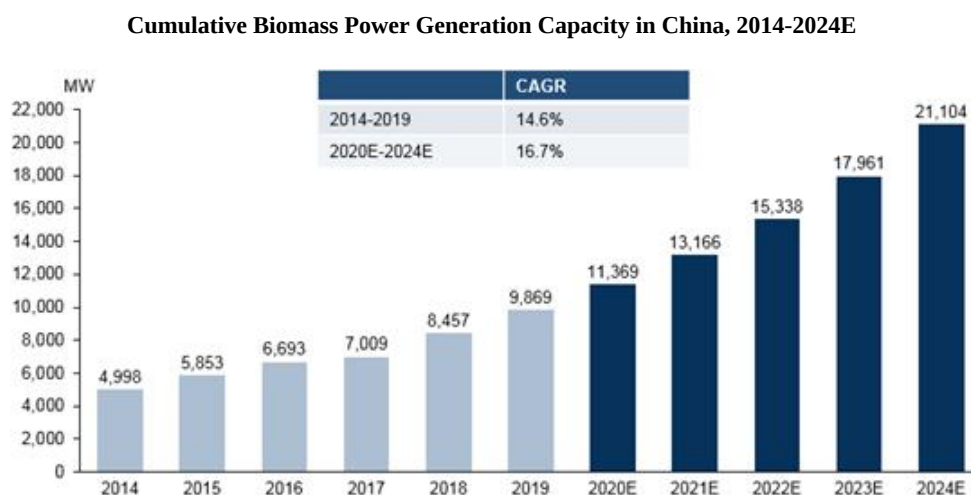
Less dependency on fossil fuels. The more biomass energy is used, the less we need to depend on the fossil fuels, which are major contributors to climate change and other environmental issues. The great abundance of biomass materials also far exceeds the amount of fossil fuels, making it a more readily available fuel source.

Versatility. Biomass energy is also amongst the most versatile fuels. It can be converted into many different forms of fuel sources, each of which has varied applications. For example, biomass can be processed to create biodiesel for vehicles, and it can also be used to farm methane gas and other biofuels. Moreover, wood can be used to generate heat, while the steam produced by some forms of biomass can also power turbines to create energy.

Market Size Analysis

Although biomass resources, such as firewood and agricultural residues, are abundant and have been a significant source of energy in China, particularly in rural areas, they are primarily used for conventional energy consumption such as cooking and heating. Biomass as a clean and low-cost source for electricity and heat based on modern biomass technologies is in urgent need of development, as reflected by the goal of installing a cumulative biomass power generation capacity (including power generation capacity of waste-to-energy projects) of 15,000 MW by 2020 for biomass power under the 13th Five-Year Plan for Biomass Energy promulgated by the National Energy Administration of China in October 2016. According to Frost & Sullivan, the total cumulative biomass power generation capacity reached 9,869 MW as of December 31, 2019.

The following chart sets forth the cumulative biomass power generation capacity in China:



Source: The Frost & Sullivan Report

Drivers for Biomass Energy Industry Development

Favorable policy support. According to the Medium-Term and Long-Term Plan for Renewable Energy promulgated by the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC (“NDRC”) in 2007, the PRC government set a goal to install a cumulative power generation capacity of 30.0 GW for biomass power by 2020. In order to encourage development of the biomass power industry, NDRC issued the Notice on Improving the Pricing Policy Regarding Electricity Generated from Agricultural Waste and Forestry Residue in July 2010, which set a uniform benchmark on-grid tariff of RMB0.75/kWh applicable to all biomass power projects. This is significantly higher than the on-grid tariff for conventional coal electricity, which ranges from RMB0.30/kWh to RMB0.50/kWh, according to Frost & Sullivan. Moreover, local governments have adopted specific policies to support the development of the biomass industry, including subsidies for biomass supply and reduced interest on project financing loans for biomass facilities. According to Frost & Sullivan, development of carbon emission market may provide an additional revenue source to the biomass industry in China in the future. Frost & Sullivan expects such favorable regulatory environment to continue in the future to support the biomass power industry to reach the capacity target.

Demand for air pollution control and reduction of greenhouse emissions. Air pollution has become a significant public health issue in China and has attracted close attention nationwide. Public awareness and demand for pollution control are particularly acute in regions with high population density and severe pollution, including eastern provinces such as Jiangsu Province, Shandong Province, and Anhui Province. As compared to incineration of biomass raw materials in open fields commonly done in rural China, which has a negative impact on air quality, controlled biomass combustion to produce electricity and heat is a low-emission way of using biomass raw materials. It also produces negligible amounts of sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions as compared with fossil fuels and is expected to play an important role in controlling air pollution in China.

Construction of rural power grid and development of rural areas. According to Frost & Sullivan, China's power grid companies have been increasing their investment in grid construction in rural areas during recent years, which may facilitate construction of biomass power plants which are typically located in those areas. In addition, building biomass power facilities could increase living standards, promote industrialization, and generate employment in rural areas. By purchasing agricultural and forestry residues, biomass power plants also provide an additional revenue source for farmers. According to Frost & Sullivan, due to these benefits, local governments that endeavor to improve the income of farmers are expected to continue supporting the construction of additional biomass facilities.

Opportunities and Threats for Biomass Power Industry

Rising Awareness of Biomass Energy. With the limited resources of fossil fuels and negative environmental issues incurred, biomass energy has become increasingly important in the national energy mix. The PRC is the largest energy-consuming country all over the world. However, the supply of fossil fuel and natural gas is relatively insufficient. According to Frost & Sullivan, the per capita possession of fossil fuel and natural gas in the PRC is only 6% of the world average. Thus, there is a huge market potential for biomass energy industry to develop in order to fulfill the energy demand.

Immature Development of Biomass Power Industry Infrastructure. Although a huge amount of unexplored biomass resources provides excellent market potential for biomass power industry, the geographic distribution of biomass fuels is scattered in the PRC. Some areas with abundant biomass resource, such as Yunnan province, currently do not have facilities to explore the biomass resources and logistics system to transport them, leading to a large amount of resources being undeveloped and wasted, and resulting in a low utilization rate.

Competitive Landscape of Biomass Power Industry in the PRC

Since 2010, underpinned by the urgency of environmental protection issues and improving profitability of biomass plants, the number of biomass projects has been increasing every year. The market was dominated by two major biomass power companies focusing in the southern and northern regions of the PRC, respectively. With the rapid development of the biomass power market in the PRC, however, more industry practitioners in the energy sector across the PRC have entered this growing market and thus the market is considered to be increasingly fragmented with no clear dominant player.

Entry Barriers for Biomass Power Industry

Capital barriers. Biomass facilities normally require a large initial capital investment. According to Frost & Sullivan, to achieve an economical scale, a biomass power plant typically requires an initial investment of RMB300 million (approximately \$42.83 million). In addition, most biomass projects are subject to a long payback period of more than 10 years. The application for subsidies for construction is also time-consuming. High initial capital investment requires industry participants to possess substantial capital and strong financing abilities.

Management expertise. Management's in-depth expertise and experience in project selection, planning, financing, construction, testing and operation, as well as the ability to assure high levels of operational stability and efficiency and regulatory compliance, are essential to the success of a biomass project. In particular, the fuel price for a biomass power plant is relatively high due to the collection and transportation costs, and due to their smaller scale, biomass power units usually have lower power efficiency than coal-fired units. Therefore, despite high on-grid tariffs, the profitability of biomass power plants varies largely according to the ability of their operators to control supply prices and ensure operational efficiency. As a result, inexperienced players may have difficulties achieving profitability.

Biomass supply. Stable supply of biomass raw materials is critical to the profitability of biomass facilities. As biomass resources are scattered in rural areas where the collection and transportation system are typically underdeveloped, it is costly to establish a supply system. Furthermore, the total output of biomass resources is limited in a given region, and the cost to transport biomass resources from other regions is high. Moreover, once a biomass facility is constructed, additional biomass facilities may not be constructed within a radius of 100km under the Notice on the Administration of the Construction of Biomass Energy Generation Projects promulgated by NDRC in August 2010. Therefore, the first mover in a particular region will likely prevent entry of other competitors.

Technological barriers. Equipment used in biomass facilities is highly specialized and technology-intensive, and is required to conform to strict standards in the power generation process. Biomass technology is in a developing stage in China, and Chinese biomass power companies still primarily rely on imported technology and equipment. Therefore, cooperation with domestic enterprises with strong research and development capability or with foreign equipment manufacturers is important to enter the market.

BUSINESS

Overview

Through our wholly owned PRC subsidiary, Khingan Forasen, we are a manufacturer and supplier of wood-based activated carbon that is primarily used in pharmaceutical manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, water purification, environmental protection, and food and beverage production (“Activated Carbon Production”), and a producer of biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon (“Biomass Electricity Production”).

As a manufacturer of wood-based activated carbon, our primary raw materials are forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes, which we source from our suppliers. Our current facility is located in Tahe County, Heilongjiang Province, in close proximity to the Greater Khingan Range, where our suppliers are primarily located. We also source raw materials from Inner Mongolia.

We produce wood-based activated carbon that is conformed to our customers’ specifications. Our activated carbon customers are primarily activated carbon wholesalers and companies engaging in the activated carbon deep processing business. Our customers are all based in the PRC and currently are mainly located in Jiangsu Province, Fujian Province, Zhejiang Province, and Shanghai. The primary end users of our activated carbon are food and beverage producers, industrial manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and companies engaging in environmental protection. In addition, we have provided activated carbon related technical services to Lianmu Technology from time to time since January 1, 2017. The technical services we provided included activated carbon mixing ratio adjustments, activated carbon component indicator analyses, absorptive capacity tests, and other technical support. We expect to continue to provide similar technical services to Lianmu Technology and our other customers if requested.

The biomass electricity generated during the process of producing activated carbon is supplied to State Grid Heilongjiang Electric Power Company Limited (“State Grid Heilongjiang”), a subsidiary of State Grid Corporation of China in Heilongjiang Province. We do not supply biomass electricity to any other state-owned or other entity.

Our revenue is primarily generated through sales of activated carbon.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, we sold 2,967 and 3,816 tons of activated carbon and 1,039,480 and 1,159,917 kWh of biomass electricity, respectively. For the same periods, we had total revenue of \$3,943,459 and \$4,768,077, and net income of \$522,827 and \$684,137, respectively. The revenue derived from Activated Carbon Production accounted for 97.13% and 97.60% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The revenue derived from Biomass Electricity Production accounted for 1.24% and 2.40% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Revenue derived from technical services provided to Lianmu Technology accounted for 1.63% and 0% of our total revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we sold 8,584 and 6,200 tons of activated carbon and 3,044,574 and 3,872,866 kWh of biomass electricity, respectively. For the same years, we had total revenue of \$10,893,164 and \$8,091,937, and net income of \$1,667,812 and \$1,562,618, respectively. The revenue derived from Activated Carbon Production accounted for 96.31% and 94.79% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The revenue derived from Biomass Electricity Production accounted for 1.80% and 4.71% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The revenue derived from technical services provided to Lianmu Technology accounted for 1.89% and 0.50% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Corporate History and Structure

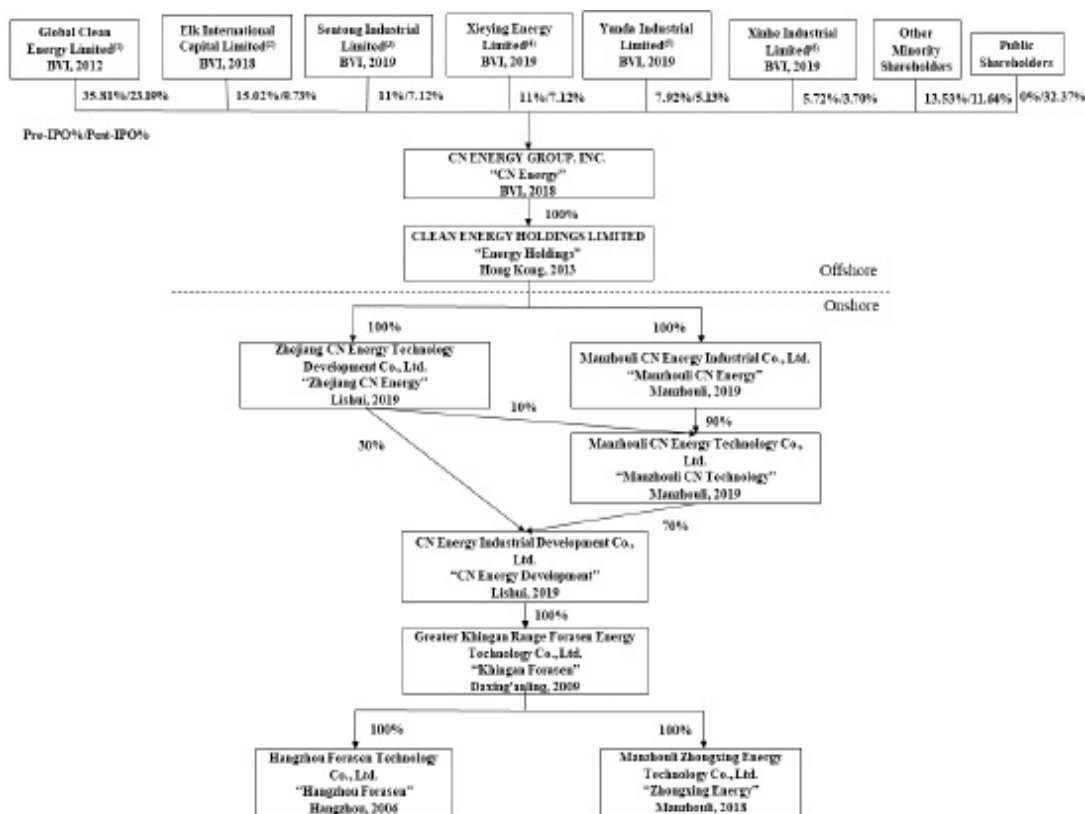
On November 23, 2018, we established a holding company, CN ENERGY GROUP. INC. (“CN Energy”), under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. CN Energy owns 100% of CLEAN ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (“Energy Holdings”), a Hong Kong company incorporated on August 29, 2013.

On January 14, 2019, Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd. (“Zhejiang CN Energy”) was incorporated pursuant to PRC laws as a wholly foreign owned enterprise. Energy Holdings holds 100% of the equity interests in Zhejiang CN Energy. On January 24, 2019, Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd. (“Manzhouli CN Energy”) was incorporated pursuant to PRC laws as a wholly foreign owned enterprise. Energy Holdings holds 100% of the equity interests in Manzhouli CN Energy. On June 10, 2019, Manzhouli CN Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Manzhouli CN Technology”) was incorporated as a limited company pursuant to PRC laws. Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy currently hold 10% and 90% of the equity interests in Manzhouli CN Technology, respectively.

On April 18, 2019, we established a wholly owned indirect subsidiary, CN Energy Development, as a limited company pursuant to PRC laws. Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Technology hold 30% and 70% of the equity interests in CN Energy Development, respectively. CN Energy Development holds 100% of the equity interests in Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Khingang Forasen”), a limited company pursuant to PRC laws. Wholly owned subsidiaries of Khingan Forasen include Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd. (“Hangzhou Forasen”) and Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Zhongxing Energy”), both of which were established as limited companies pursuant to PRC laws.

We operate through Khingan Forasen and its subsidiaries. Khingan Forasen produces activated carbon and biomass electricity through its branch office, Tahe Biopower Plant, which houses our current manufacturing facility; Hangzhou Forasen is engaged in the marketing of our activated carbon products; Zhongxing Energy is expected to hold our second biopower plant and produce activated carbon and biomass electricity in the future.

The following diagram illustrates our corporate structure after the Reorganization and upon completion of this offering based on (i) 5,000,000 Ordinary Shares being offered, (ii) the issuance of 444,444 Ordinary Shares upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares, and (iii) assuming the Underwriter does not exercise its over-allotment option.



Notes:

- (1) Represents 3,580,969 Ordinary Shares held by Yefang Zhang, the 100% owner of Global Clean Energy Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (2) Represents 1,502,002 Ordinary Shares held by Wangfeng Yan, the 100% owner of Elk International Capital Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (3) Represents 1,100,002 Ordinary Shares held by Kaiyu Liu, the 100% owner of Sentong Industrial Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.

- (4) Represents 1,100,002 Ordinary Shares held by Yiyue Ye, the 100% owner of Xieying Energy Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (5) Represents 791,967 Ordinary Shares held by Jing Wang, the 100% owner of Yunda Industrial Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.
- (6) Represents 572,024 Ordinary Shares held by Jingmin Liu, the 100% owner of Xinhe Industrial Limited, as of the date of this prospectus.

For details of each shareholder's ownership, please refer to the beneficial ownership table in the section captioned "Principal Shareholders."

Competition

All of our activated carbon sales are in the PRC market. Our major competitors are companies that manufacture and sell activated carbon in the PRC market. Our main competitors in Activated Carbon Production include wood-based activated carbon manufacturers, such as Fujian Xinsen Carbon Industry Co., Ltd., and coal-based activated carbon manufacturers, such as Shanxi Xinhua Activated Carbon Co., Ltd., Ningxia Huahui Activated Carbon Company Limited, Shenhua Ningxia Coal Industry Group Co., Ltd., and Xingtai Coal Chemical Co., Ltd. We compete for customers primarily on the basis of activated carbon prices, activated carbon quality and characteristics, transportation costs, customer relationships, and the reliability of supply. The demand for our activated carbon is significantly dependent on the general economy in the PRC.

Since State Grid Corporation of China is the only purchaser of biomass electricity in the PRC and the electricity purchase price is determined by the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC, there is no competition in terms of the customer or price in the PRC biomass electricity market. We instead focus on reducing our production cost and increasing our production capacity of the biomass electricity. Some other major producers of biomass electricity in the PRC are Sunshine Kaidi New Energy Group Co., Ltd. and National Biological Energy Co., Ltd.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe we have the following competitive strengths:

Advanced Technology And Established Relationship With a Research Center

Activated carbon is typically produced using either of the following two processes: (i) steam activation, in which raw materials are carbonized and then activated with steam, and (ii) chemical activation, which involves mixing raw materials with an activating agent, usually phosphoric acid, to swell the raw materials and open up the cellulose structure. We produce wood-based activated carbon and biomass electricity from forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes through an activated carbon and electricity cogeneration process (the "Cogeneration Process") we have developed over the years. Our Cogeneration Process is based on steam activation, instead of chemical activation, and does not involve mixing raw materials with phosphoric acid. As a result, the activated carbon we produce does not contain residual phosphate and, unlike activated carbon produced through chemical activation, may be used in industries that require activated carbon with higher purity, such as pharmaceutical manufacturing and food and beverage production. In addition, compared with the traditional steam activation process, which only produces activated carbon and makes no use of the synthesis gas from raw materials being carbonized, our Cogeneration Process uses the synthesis gas to generate biomass electricity. Therefore, we believe our production process is more efficient, results in less pollution, and yields higher profits after selling both activated carbon and biomass electricity when compared with the traditional steam activation process. For details of our production process, *please see "—Production Process."*

As of the date of this prospectus, we own 12 patents in the PRC and claim ownership of certain trade secrets and proprietary know-how developed by and used in our business. We cooperate with Huadian Electric Power Science Academy ("Huadian") pursuant to a Strategic Cooperation Agreement dated April 3, 2014, to research, develop, and share technologies related to activated carbon and biomass energy, which include improvements to the ignition system and speed control system of electric generators. See "*—R&D*" for more information. We are also constantly looking for new cooperative opportunities with additional research centers to further improve our method.

Strategically Placed Facilities And Lower Costs

We strategically placed our current Tahe County facility in the middle of the Greater Khingan Range, where most of our suppliers are located and where there is abundant supply of forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes. Our Tahe County facility is close to multiple roads and only 1.24 miles from the nearest train station, thereby facilitating the transportation of our activated carbon products to customers in East China and South China. Our new facility under construction, in which we expect to manufacture activated carbon and generate steam for heating upon completing the first stage of construction in June 2021, is located in Manzhouli City, Inner Mongolia, where there are over 100 woodworking factories that could potentially supply us with a large number of wood wastes and which has similarly good transportation infrastructure. *For detailed information of our new facility under construction in Manzhouli City, please refer to “—Facilities” below.* Our stable feedstock supply and low transportation cost help us maintain lower general costs than those of our competitors.

High-Quality Wood-Based Activated Carbon Products And Biomass Electricity

The chemical activation process of activated carbon production uses coal as raw material. Coal often contains impurities, metal salt, and ash, and chemicals used in the chemical activation process may cause secondary pollution to the activated carbon products. Therefore, activated carbon products manufactured through the chemical activation process often are of low quality and can only be used in industrial manufacturing. In contrast, our wood-based activated carbon products, manufactured from forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes and through the physical activation process, are of higher quality than carbon activated products manufactured through the chemical activation process and therefore have a wide range of uses in industries such as pharmaceutical manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, water purification, food and beverage production, and environment protection. The biomass electricity generated in our activated carbon production process offers us an additional revenue source.

Strong Management And Professional Team With Extensive Industry Experience

Our senior management team, led by Mr. Kangbin Zheng, our chief executive officer and chairman, has significant experience in the activated carbon and biomass energy industries. Our management team is comprised of highly skilled and dedicated professionals with wide ranging experience in research, services, product development, business development, and marketing. We believe that our management and professional team will be able to effectively grow our business through continued operating improvement and research.

Our Strategy

Our goal is to become one of China's leading wood-based activated carbon and biomass energy producers. Accomplishing this goal requires the successful implementation of the following strategies:

Increase the Capacity of Activated Carbon Production

Since the demand for activated carbon in general and orders for our activated carbon products more particularly have been increasing in recent years, our facility at our Tahe Biopower Plant almost reached its full operating capacity in fiscal year 2018 and we had to outsource some of our orders to third-party producers to keep up with the demand for our products. These third-party producers do not have the same manufacturing processes or quality control as we do, nor do we share technology with them. We mainly purchase activated carbon from these third-party producers to fulfill orders from customers who do not require the wood-based activated carbon we produce. See *"Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—We rely on third-party manufacturers to produce some of our activated carbon products and problems with, or loss of, these manufacturers could harm our business and operating results."* We are currently constructing a new manufacturing facility in Manzhouli City, Inner Mongolia, to increase our capacity of activated carbon production. As of June 2020, we had completed the construction of the groundwork of the factory workshop and over half of the auxiliary buildings.

Expand Customer Base

We plan to explore new markets for our activated carbon products while maintaining our current customer base. We are considering establishing branch offices in various strategic areas, including Beijing, Shanghai, Hebei Province, Jiangsu Province, and Fujian Province. These branch offices will focus on increasing activated carbon product sales to existing customers, providing customer support in those areas, and acquiring potential new customers. By increasing the number of customers and optimizing our transportation and sales network, we aim to reduce the marginal cost of our activated carbon products and increase our profits.

Focus on Products With Growing Demand

Due to the rapid development of industrial technology, stricter environmental protection regulations, and increased attention to food safety, there has been increased demand for activated carbon used in the water, food, and beverage industries, and activated carbon for pharmaceutical raw materials, intermediates, and finished products. We believe we are well positioned to meet each of these growing areas of demand. We will seek to continue our innovative approach, while ensuring reliability and efficiency in the delivery supply chain, to the extent we are able to continue to access a consistent supply of raw materials, by designing and manufacturing activated carbon products for use in a broad range of applications. While maintaining a diversified customer base and product line, we will seek to focus on our products with growing demand and capitalize opportunities for increasing their sales.

Increase Research and Development Efforts

We plan to increase our research and development efforts by seeking partnerships with well-established research institutes to develop more efficient methods for producing activated carbon and generating biomass energy. We have been working on applying our activated carbon production technology currently used with forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes to crop residues as well. We are seeking to reduce our reliance on forest resources and therefore expand our network of suppliers to other provinces in the PRC.

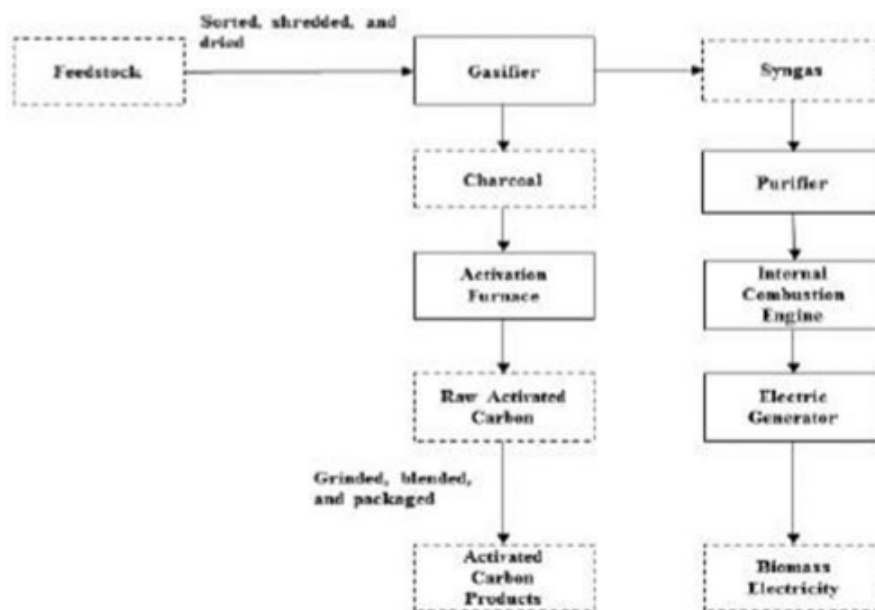
Explore New Business Opportunities

We have been monitoring possible business opportunities in the downstream sectors of the activated carbon industry, such as environment restoration, water purification, and air cleaning. In the long term, we plan to strategically establish or acquire companies that use activated carbon as raw materials. We do not plan to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund these long-term plans, and have not entered into any binding agreement for any acquisition nor identified any definite acquisition target. By expanding our business vertically in the activated carbon industry, we hope to increase our pricing power and minimize risks in our Activated Carbon Production business.

Production Process

Our activated carbon is produced through the Cogeneration Process. In the Cogeneration Process, feedstock is sorted and shredded into wood pieces that are 0.4 to 2.4 inches thick, which are dried in a drying oven until the moisture content of the wood pieces is less than 15%. The wood pieces are then loaded into the gasifier, where they are pyrolyzed into charcoal and synthesis gas (or “syngas”). The charcoal is then exposed to oxidizing atmospheres at temperatures above 250 °C in the activation furnace and converted into raw activated carbon. Depending on the specifications of activated carbon products in our customers’ orders, we change different elements of the process, such as the type of wood, spinning speed of the activation furnace, and length of the activation time, in order to produce different types of raw activated carbon. The raw activated carbon is grinded, blended, and packaged into different activated carbon products to be sold to our customers. The syngas is purified and burned in an internal combustion engine, which powers an electric generator that generates biomass electricity. The biomass electricity generated is then transmitted to the power network of State Grid Heilongjiang.

The simplified Cogeneration Process is shown below:



Products

Activated Carbon



Powdered Activated Carbon



Granular Activated Carbon

Activated carbon, also called activated charcoal, is a carbonaceous, highly porous adsorptive medium that has a complex structure composed primarily of carbon atoms. The networks of pores in activated carbons are channels created within a rigid skeleton of disordered layers of carbon atoms, linked together by chemical bonds, stacked unevenly, creating a highly porous structure of nooks, crannies, cracks and crevices between the carbon layers. Activated carbon is used in methane and hydrogen storage, air purification, decaffeination, gold purification, metal extraction, water purification, medicine, sewage treatment, air filters in gas masks and respirators, filters in compressed air, teeth whitening, and many other applications.

We derived 97.13% of our revenue from the sale of activated carbon products during the six months ended March 31, 2020. We derived 96.31% and 94.79% of our revenue from the sale of activated carbon products during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Methylene blue number is often used as an indicator to evaluate the absorptive capacity of activated carbon. Activated carbon with a higher Methylene blue number usually has a higher absorptive capacity. We currently mainly produce the following four categories of activated carbon with different Methylene blue number ranges from forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes through physical activation process:

- medium-quality activated carbon, which has a Methylene blue number of less than 11;
- high-quality activated carbon, which has a Methylene blue number of between 11 and 12;
- superior-quality activated carbon, which has a Methylene blue number of between 12 and 13; and
- customized-quality activated carbon, which has a Methylene blue number of more than 13 and meets other special requirements of our customers.

Our medium-quality and high-quality activated carbon are usually used in industrial manufacturing, water purification, and environmental protection. Our superior-quality and customized-quality activated carbon are usually used in pharmaceutical manufacturing and food and beverage production, where higher absorptive capacity is required.

The following table shows the sales for our four categories of activated carbon in the six months ended March 31, 2020 and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018:

Category of Activated Carbon	Six months ended March 31, 2020			Fiscal year ended September 30, 2019			Fiscal year ended September 30, 2018		
	Amount Sold (Ton)	Revenue (\$)	Revenue Percentage	Amount Sold (Ton)	Revenue (\$)	Revenue Percentage	Amount Sold (Ton)	Revenue (\$)	Revenue Percentage
Medium-Quality	0.00	0.00	0.00%	23.22	26,754	0.26%	987.72	1,110,787	14.48%
High-Quality	1,589.73	1,871,423	48.86%	3,607.94	4,273,706	40.73%	3106.6	3,779,219	49.27%
Superior-Quality	827.95	1,061,081	27.70%	4,344.83	5,388,670	51.36%	1678.13	2,137,758	27.87%
Customized-Quality	548.83	897,715	23.44%	608.18	802,462	7.65%	427.38	642,236	8.38%

Biomass Electricity

Biomass electricity is electricity generated from biomass. Biomass is organic material that comes from plants and animals, and it is a renewable source of energy. Biomass contains stored energy from the sun. Plants absorb the sun's energy in a process called photosynthesis. When biomass is burned, the chemical energy in biomass is released as heat. Biomass can be burned directly or converted to liquid biofuels or biogas that can be burned as fuels.

We generate biomass electricity in the process of manufacturing activated carbon as described above.

Feedstock

The primary restriction on production and growth in the activated carbon industry is the availability and pricing of feedstock, which is the raw material used to produce activated carbon. A wide range of feedstock may be used to produce activated carbon, including:

- coal, such as lignite, brown coal, bituminous coal, and anthracite coal;
- forestry residues and little fuelwood, generated by operations such as thinning of plantations, clearing for logging roads, extracting stem-wood for pulp and timber, and natural attrition;

- wood wastes, such as sawdust, off-cuts, trims, and shavings from wood industries including saw millings and plywood;
- crop residues, such as straw, stem, stalk, leaves, husk, shell, peel, pulp, and, stubble from cereals, cotton, groundnut, jute, legumes, coffee, tea, and fruits; and
- peat.

We currently use forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes as feedstock. We used 22,555.28 tons of forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes in the six months ended March 31, 2020. We used 46,007.83 tons and 70,576.98 tons of forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. In response to high demand for activated carbon, we have been experimenting with alternative feedstock as raw materials in the Cogeneration Process.

In order to meet orders from our customers, sometimes we also purchase activated carbon from other producers before shipping it to customers. In the six months ended March 31, 2020, we purchased 1,170 tons of activated carbon from Zhejiang Qianhang Trading Co., Ltd. In the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, we purchased 465, 520, and 625 tons of activated carbon from Zhongjin Boda (Hangzhou) Industrial Co., Ltd., Zhejiang Qianhang Trading Co., Ltd., and Jiangxi Running Commercial and Trading Co., Ltd., respectively. In the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, we purchased 250 tons of activated carbon from Zhongneng Haixia (Fujian) Development Co., Ltd. These third-party producers do not have the same manufacturing processes or quality control as we do, nor do we share technology with them. We mainly purchase activated carbon from these third-party producers to fulfill orders from customers who do not require the wood-based activated carbon we produce. *See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—We rely on third-party manufacturers to produce some of our activated carbon products and problems with, or loss of, these manufacturers could harm our business and operating results.”*

Suppliers

Most of our current forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes suppliers are individuals who collect or purchase these materials from woodworking factories and tree plantations. We also source forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes from Tahe Forestry Bureau and wood processing factories in Manzhouli City. In order to meet orders from our customers, sometimes we also purchase activated carbon from other producers before shipping it to customers. For the six months ended March 31, 2020, our top 10 suppliers in terms of purchasing value contributed 100% of our raw materials sourced, with the top five suppliers providing 62%, 17%, 6%, 6%, and 3% of our raw materials, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, our top 10 suppliers in terms of purchasing value contributed 86% of our raw materials sourced, with the top five suppliers providing 13%, 12%, 11%, 11%, and 9% of our raw materials, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, our top 10 suppliers in terms of purchasing value contributed 86% of our raw materials sourced, with the top five suppliers providing 22%, 21%, 12%, 11%, and 10% of our raw materials, respectively. *See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—We have sourced our raw materials primarily from a limited number of suppliers. If we lose one or more of the suppliers, our operation may be disrupted, and our results of operations may be adversely and materially impacted.”*

We enter into supply orders in the ordinary course of business with our forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes suppliers, pursuant to a form of long-term supply order. Pursuant to our supply orders, which usually do not have an expiration date, our suppliers will provide us with a certain quantity of forestry residues, little fuelwood, and wood wastes for a fixed price until the supply orders are amended or terminated. The price is negotiated with our suppliers on an order-by-order basis and depends on the moisture content and type of wood, and the number of impurities. While the fixed price of short-term orders does not entirely protect us against volatility in feedstock prices, typically we have been able to and believe that we will continue to be able to transfer the volatility to our customers by renegotiating the prices of our finished products. We also continue to search for additional suppliers to maintain the consistency of our supply and control the costs of our raw materials.

For information about our suppliers of raw activated carbon, *please see “—Feedstock.”*

Customers

Our activated carbon products customers primarily include activated carbon wholesalers and companies engaging in the activated carbon deep processing business. Our top activated carbon customers for the six months ended March 31, 2020, included Ningbo Juming Youjia Commercial and Trading Co., Ltd. (“Ningbo Juming Youjia”), Shanghai Huanguan New Material Co., Ltd., Huainan Jiahe New Material Co., Ltd. (“Huainan Jiahe”), Fujian Yuanli Active Carbon Co., Ltd. (“Fujian Yuanli”), and Liyang Jingan Active Carbon Co., Ltd., which collectively accounted for 100% of our total activated carbon sales for that period. Ningbo Juming Youjia accounted for 40% of our total activated carbon sales for the six months ended March 31, 2020. Our top activated carbon customers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, included Huainan Jiahe, Ningbo Juming Youjia, Shanghai Huanguan New Material Co., Ltd., China National Forest Product Company Limited, and Fujian Yuanli, which collectively accounted for 61% of our total activated carbon sales for that period. Huainan Jiahe accounted for 15% of our total activated carbon sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. Our top activated carbon customers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, included Huainan Jiahe, Fujian Yuanli, Liyang Zhuojun Environmental Protection Technology Co., Ltd. (“Liyang Zhuojun”), Shaoxing Guangyuan Environmental Protection Co., Ltd., and Jiangsu Jinfengkaida Environmental Protection Technology Co., Ltd., which collectively accounted for 67% of our total activated carbon sales for that fiscal year. Huainan Jiahe accounted for 44% of our total activated carbon sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.

From the commencement of our operations on December 2012, to March 31, 2020, a total of 49 activated carbon customers have purchased activated carbon products from us. The total number of our activated carbon customers decreased from 31 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, to 28 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. We chose to focus on customers with consistent orders and large activated carbon purchases, reducing the costs of customer maintenance and making it easier to manage our customer relations. As a result, although the number of our activated carbon customers decreased during this period, our total activated carbon sales increased. The total number of our activated carbon customers for the six months ended March 31, 2020, was five. *See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—A majority of our activated carbon sales are currently derived from a small number of customers. If any of these customers experiences a material business disruption, we would likely incur substantial losses of revenue.”*

From January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, we provided activated carbon related technical services to Lianmu Technology for a service fee of RMB900,000 (approximately \$133,608) pursuant to a Technical Consulting Services Agreement dated January 1, 2017. The technical services we provided included activated carbon mixing ratio adjustments, activated carbon component indicator analyses, absorptive capacity tests, and other technical support. From April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, we provided similar services to Lianmu Technology for a service fee of RMB1,500,000 (approximately \$205,851) pursuant to a Technical Services Agreement dated April 1, 2019. On October 1, 2019, we entered into a second Technical Consulting Services Agreement, pursuant to which we agreed to provide similar services to Lianmu Technology from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 for a service fee of RMB900,000 (approximately \$128,340). We expect to continue to provide similar technical services to Lianmu Technology and our other customers if requested.

The only purchaser of our biomass electricity is State Grid Heilongjiang, a subsidiary of State Grid Corporation of China in Heilongjiang Province, and, as the electric generators of Tahe Biopower Plant are connected to the electrical grid of State Grid Heilongjiang, we cannot sell biomass electricity to any other electricity distribution company. We enter into a biomass electricity sales agreement with State Grid Heilongjiang, and the agreement is renewed annually. State Grid Heilongjiang purchased 1,039,480 KWh biomass electricity from us in the six months ended March 31, 2020, and 3,044,574 KWh and 3,872,866 KWh biomass electricity from us in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Marketing and Sales

We maintain our activated carbon marketing and sales forces in-house in our corporate office with two employees, who are responsible for sales, transportation and distribution, as well as quality control and contract administration. Through market analyses, we identified potential customers that had high demand for activated carbon but were having difficulties finding suppliers, such as Huainan Jiahe and Liyang Zhuojun. By focusing on these potential customers and tailoring our activated carbon products to their specific needs, we were able to increase the number of our activated carbon customers. By offering customized activated carbon of specific iodine adsorption number, Methylene blue number, and other characteristics relevant to our customers, we are able to serve a diverse customer base. Our marketing and sales personnel are hard-working, full of passion, and responsive, and we offer them trainings in marketing and sales, management, and activated carbon products and technology.

We do not devote marketing and sales effort to our biomass electricity business since State Grid Corporation of China is the only purchaser of biomass electricity in the PRC.

Pricing & Backlog

To date, we price our activated carbon products on an order-to-order basis, primarily based on the Methylene blue number of the activated carbon product, adjusted for its other characteristics. The prices of our activated carbon products range from \$1,115.84 to \$1,487.79 per ton.

For our activated carbon products, we usually enter into sales agreements with a customer after agreeing on the specific product characteristics of the activated carbon such as iodine adsorption number and Methylene blue number and making sure that we have sufficient raw materials and different grades of activated carbon. We typically enter into separate activated carbon sales agreements, instead of a long-term supply agreement, for orders we receive from our activated carbon customers. This allows us to be flexible in pricing and adjust prices of our activated carbon products as the prices of our raw materials and the market demand for activated carbon change. The sales agreements typically lay out the quantity, price, specifics, packaging requirements, shipping method and delivery date, and other agreed-upon provisions of the order.

It usually takes us approximately 22 hours to produce the activated carbon product specified in an order, depending on the amount of activated carbon ordered, the supply of raw materials, and the specific product characteristics, among other factors. We typically begin shipping activated carbon products after we have produced approximately 30 tons, enough to fill up a railway wagon. It usually takes us three to five days to transport them by rail and by road to the sites of our customers; the transportation time could be delayed by two to three days if there is bad weather. The balance is due within 15 days to 90 days after the date when the customer accepts the shipment. If a customer fails to make payment on time, late interest of 3% per day is levied on the outstanding balance until payment is received in full. We rely on our long-term business relationships with our customers when collecting payments and do not currently encounter any difficulties in collecting payments.

The price of our biomass electricity is determined by the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC and the current purchase price is RMB0.75 (approximately \$0.11) per kWh. We enter into an annual supply agreement with State Grid Heilongjiang and the agreement specifies, among other things, the amount of electricity we need to produce in each month and price of the electricity.

Awards and Recognition

We have received the following honors, awards, and certifications for our quality products and scientific research efforts:

2012

- Chinese Scientific and Technological Innovation Middle and Small-Sized Enterprises Top 100

2014

- Catalogue of Advanced and Applicable Technologies for Comprehensive Utilization of Renewable Resources (Second Class)
- Electric Power Business License for Power Generation (this license enables us to conduct power generation business)

2016

- China High and New Technology Enterprise Certificate (this certificate entitles us to preferential enterprise income tax rates of 15% rather than 25%)

2019

- Growth Group Excellence Award and Innovation Star Award in China Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition (Heilongjiang Division)
- Second Prize in Heilongjiang Province Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition (Daxing'anling Division)
- China High and New Technology Enterprise Certificate (this certificate entitles us to preferential enterprise income tax rates of 15% rather than 25%)

Facilities

Our current manufacturing facility is located in Tahe Biopower Plant in Tahe County, Heilongjiang Province. We have the rights to use the land and factory buildings from May 1, 2009, to April 30, 2029, with no rent pursuant to a lease agreement entered into with Tahe Forestry Bureau on April 21, 2009. According to the lease agreement, we can only use the land and factory buildings for the operations of Tahe Biopower Plant and cannot transfer the lease to a third person; otherwise, the lease agreement will be terminated. Tahe Biopower Plant has a building area of 199,199 square feet and one production line, which runs 24 hours per day and 300 days per year. Its annual operating capacity for manufacturing activated carbon is approximately 7,800 tons. We produced 2,049 tons of activated carbon and were about 52% at capacity during the six months ended March 31, 2020. We produced 4,920 tons and 7,594 tons of activated carbon and were about 63% and 97% at capacity during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The decrease in the amount of activated carbon produced was mainly due to a high inventory level at the beginning of fiscal year 2019 and a scheduled maintenance of some of our machines for 45 days.



Facilities of Tahe Biopower Plant

We are currently constructing a new facility in Manzhouli City, Inner Mongolia, to expand our production capacity. We plan to construct the new facility in two stages, the first of which is expected to be completed by June 2021. The planned investment for the first stage of construction is approximately RMB140 million (approximately \$20.21 million). Upon the completion of the first stage, we will commence manufacture and the facility is designed to have an annual capacity for manufacturing approximately 5,000 tons of activated carbon and generate 115,200 tons of steam for heating during the manufacturing process. Subject to a review of the operating results of the facility, we plan to invest an additional RMB190 million (approximately \$28.21 million) in the second stage of construction and increase the annual capacity to 10,000 tons of activated carbon and 230,400 tons of steam for heating. The second stage is expected to be completed by early 2023. In November 2018, we purchased a tract of land that is 279,861 square feet for the first stage of construction. As of June 2020, we had completed the construction of the groundwork of the factory workshop and over half of the auxiliary buildings, and our total capital expenditure on the new facility was approximately RMB28 million (approximately \$4 million).

We currently maintain our headquarters in FPI Center Room A-901, No. 459 Qianmo Road, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, PRC. We lease about 4,039 square feet of office space in our headquarters pursuant to a lease agreement we entered into with Hangzhou Focused Photonics Technology Park Limited on June 8, 2018. The lease period is from May 10, 2018, to May 9, 2020 (unless otherwise terminated by either party), and the rent for two years is RMB738,248 (approximately \$106,902). Due to the impact of COVID-19, the landlord has agreed to extend the lease term to August 9, 2020 and to keep the same rent for the extension period. We have the priority for lease renewal when the lease agreement expires and are required to notify the landlord at least two months in advance if we would like to renew. We expect a slight increase in the rent if we renew the lease. We believe our facilities are sufficient for our business operation.



Our headquarters in Hangzhou

R&D

Research and Development (“R&D”) expenses include salaries, material, contract, and other outside service fees, facilities, and overhead costs. In accordance to the FASB’s accounting standards for R&D costs, we expense the costs associated with the R&D activities when incurred. The R&D expenses are included in general and administrative expenses and totaled \$225,792 for the six months ended March 31, 2020, and \$593,992 and \$43,723 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. We currently have four employees in our R&D department.

On April 3, 2014, we, through Hangzhou Forasen, entered into a Strategic Cooperation Agreement with Huadian. Pursuant to that agreement, Huadian and Hangzhou Forasen agreed to (i) research, develop, and share technologies related to activated carbon and biomass energy, (ii) share research facilities such as laboratories, equipment, and test bases, and (iii) regularly hold meetings to discuss development in the related industries. The agreement does not create any payment obligations to the parties, nor does it have an expiration date or a termination provision. In general, any intellectual property jointly developed under the agreement is jointly owned by Hangzhou Forasen and Huadian, unless otherwise agreed upon by the two parties for specific intellectual property. As of June 2020, we had cooperated with Huadian to improve the ignition system and speed control system of our electric generators.

On December 10, 2018, we, through Hangzhou Forasen, entered into a one-year agreement with Professor Jianbin Zhou of Nanjing Forestry University, pursuant to which Professor Zhou agreed to serve as our Chief Scientist and advise on technical development strategies, train the employees in the R&D department, and evaluate the technical aspects of new projects. Professor Zhou is an expert in the field of biomass energy and carbon materials, and we hope to cooperate with him and his research team to improve our Cogeneration Process and explore the application of technologies related to biomass energy. On December 10, 2019, we renewed the agreement with Professor Zhou for an additional year.

We expect to invest part of the net proceeds of this offering to retain more qualified employees and update our R&D equipment. See “Use of Proceeds.” We expect to work closely with leading universities and R&D institutes that specialize in activated carbon and biomass energy to develop new technologies for more efficient and cost-effective activated carbon and biomass energy production. We will also continue to search for alternative feedstock to enhance the availability of raw materials and reduce costs of feedstock for activated carbon production.

Intellectual Property

We evaluate on a case-by-case basis how best to use patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and other available intellectual property protection in order to protect our products and our critical investments in R&D, manufacturing, and marketing. We focus on securing and maintaining patents for certain inventions such as equipment used in the production of activated carbon and generation of biomass electricity, while maintaining other inventions such as process improvements as trade secrets, derived from our market-based business model, in an effort to maximize the value of our product portfolio and manufacturing capabilities and reinforce our competitive advantage. Our policy is to seek appropriate intellectual property protection for significant product and process developments in the major areas where the relevant products are manufactured or sold. Patents may cover products, processes, intermediate products and product uses. Patents extend for varying periods in accordance with the date of patent application filing and the legal life of patents in the various countries in which the patents are registered. The protection afforded, which may also vary from country to country, depends upon the type of subject matter covered by the patent and the scope of the claims of the patent. We maintain appropriate information security policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure the safeguarding of confidential information including, where appropriate, data encryption, access controls and employee awareness training.

As of the date of this prospectus, we own 12 patents in the PRC:

Patent Description	Holder	Patent Type	Approval	Expiration	Patent Number
Methods and equipment for internal combustion self-heating mobile bed dry distillation carbonization	Khingan Forasen	Invention	June 22, 2005	August 24, 2024	200410075047.0
Furnace capable of continuous gasification and carbonization with rotary rake and moving bed	Khingan Forasen	Utility Model	May 18, 2011	August 7, 2020	201020291065.3
Equipment for continuously gasifying biomass moving bed while removing tar	Khingan Forasen	Utility Model	May 9, 2012	February 12, 2021	201120042547.X
A tube-type heat exchanger	Khingan Forasen	Utility Model	June 5, 2013	October 24, 2022	201220575752.7
Methods and equipment for continuously gasifying biomass moving bed while removing tar	Khingan Forasen	Invention	February 12, 2014	February 12, 2031	201110041890.7
Feeding equipment for biomass gasifier	Hangzhou Forasen	Utility Model	October 8, 2014	May 19, 2024	201420261667.2
A gas processing device for biomass gasifier	Hangzhou Forasen	Utility Model	December 3, 2014	June 15, 2024	201420320604.X
Equipment for continuously carbonizing and gasifying wood	Hangzhou Darwo Software Co., Ltd., Hangzhou Forasen	Utility Model	January 14, 2015	June 18, 2024	201420350213.2
A dust-removing and explosion-preventing device for activated-carbon rotary furnace	Hangzhou Forasen	Utility Model	August 31, 2016	November 22, 2025	201520936930.8
A speed-adjustable cracker feeding device	Khingan Forasen	Utility Model	November 23, 2018	January 21, 2028	201820098769.5
An activation boiling furnace for producing activated carbon	Khingan Forasen	Utility Model	February 12, 2019	April 27, 2028	201820630290.1

A vacuum melting furnace	Khingang Forasen	Utility Model	November 05, 2019	November 26, 2028	201821964716.3
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We currently own two trademarks, “CNENY” and “中北能” (China North Energy), in the PRC.



In addition to our registered intellectual property portfolio, we also claim ownership of certain trade secrets and proprietary know-how developed by and used in our business.

We own the internet domain name “cneny.com.”

Employees

As of June 15, 2020, we had 167 employees. The following table sets forth the number of our employees by area of business as of June 15, 2020:

	Number of Employees	% of Total
Management	3	2
Finance	11	6
R&D	4	3
Administration	19	11
Marketing and Sales	2	1
Quality Control and Statistics	8	5
Production	120	72
Total	167	100

Generally, we enter into standard employment contracts with our officers, managers, and other employees. According to these contracts, all of our employees are prohibited from engaging in any other employment during the period of their employment with us. The employment contracts with officers, managers, and employees are subject to renewal in three years and, if renewed, will last another five years before becoming at-will employment contracts. We also enter into non-compete agreements with our employees to protect our trade secrets; the non-compete agreements prohibit competition with us during the employees' employment and within two years after leaving our company. None of our employees is a member of a labor union and we consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

Seasonality

Our operating results and operating cash flows historically have been subject to seasonal variations. Since the demand from our customers is usually weaker around the Chinese New Year, which is in the first quarter of a year, our sales in the first quarter are often lower than those of other quarters.

Environmental Matters

We have taken measures to reduce pollution caused by our activated carbon production and biomass electricity generation, such as installing dust collectors to collect dust created in our activation process. Further, we have obtained the License of Pollutant Discharges on February 27, 2020, with a term of three years. We have been in compliance with state and local laws and regulations relating to the environment to date and it has not had a material adverse effect upon our capital expenditures, earnings, or competitive position and we do not anticipate any material adverse effects in the future based on the nature of our future operations.

Industry Development

By attending local and national industry associations, we take the responsibility of helping develop our industry. Some of our involvement with industry associations are listed below:

Association	Position	Period	Activities
All-China Environment Federation	Member Entity	November 2018 to November 2023	Attend various industry meetings and share and communicate industry information of activated carbon and biomass electricity industries.
China Association of Circular Economy	Committee Member Entity	April 2013 to present	Attend meetings and discuss experience in renewable resource project development

Legal Proceedings

We are currently not a party to any material legal proceeding. From time to time, however, we may be subject to various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business.

REGULATIONS

PRC Regulations Encouraging Our Businesses

Production of activated carbon and production of biomass electricity by using forestry residues are activities supported by various policies of the PRC government. For example, under the 12th Five-Year Plan for Circular Economy Development issued by the State Council in February 2012, all industries are encouraged to attach importance to the reuse of wastes generated in production and daily life. Pursuant to the Catalogue for Guiding Industry Restructuring (2011 Version), promulgated by the State Development and Reform Commission (“SDRC”), last amended on February 16, 2013, and effective on May 1, 2013, the deep processing and product development of forestry residues and wood wastes, and technology development and machinery manufacturing for biomass power generation are both listed in the “Encouraged” category. Also, the Law of the PRC on Promoting Circular Economy promulgated by the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress (“SCNPC”) on August 29, 2008, effective on January 1, 2009, and amended on October 26, 2018, encourages enterprises to utilize forestry residues and wood wastes, and to develop and produce biomass energy. Further, our activated carbon and electricity cogeneration machinery and core technology have been listed as one of the advanced applicable technology in the Catalogue of Advanced Applicable Technology for the Comprehensive Utilization of Renewable Resources (Second), issued by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the PRC on January 22, 2014, and effective on the same day.

PRC Regulations Relating to Biomass Electricity Production

Power Generation

Pursuant to the Electric Power Law of the PRC, promulgated by SCNPC on August 27, 2009, and last amended on December 29, 2018, the Regulation on Electric Power Supervision promulgated by the State Council on May 1, 2005, and the Provisions on the Administration of Electric Power Business Licenses, promulgated by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (“SERC”) (now reorganized as the National Energy Administration (“NEA”)) on December 1, 2005, and amended on May 30, 2015, any individual or entity engaging in the business of electric power is required to obtain an electric power business license, which can be further categorized into three types of license, namely power generation, power distribution, and power supply. Any public power plant, any self-prepared power plant as incorporated into a power network, such as our PRC subsidiary Khingan Forasen, and any other enterprises as prescribed by SERC is required to obtain an electric power business license for power generation. Khingan Forasen obtained its electric power business license for power generation on September 9, 2014, for a term of 20 years, through which its branch office Tahe Biopower Plant is able to conduct our power generation business.

Grid Connection

Biomass electricity that we generate during the process of producing activated carbon is partially used by our facility and also supplied to electric power companies. The supply of biomass electricity is subject to the Rules on Operation of Power Grids (for Trial Implementation), promulgated by SERC on November 3, 2006 and effective on January 1, 2007, and other local rules promulgated by the Northeast China Energy Regulatory Bureau of NEA, including the Detailed Implementation Rules on Power Plant Grid-Connection Administration in the Northeast Area, which became effective on March 1, 2009, and the Detailed Implementation Rules on the Grid-Connection Power Plant Assistance Services Administration in Northeast Area, which became effective on March 1, 2009. In addition, pursuant to the Renewable Energy Law of the PRC (the “Renewable Energy Law”), promulgated by SCNPC on February 28, 2005, amended on December 26, 2009, and effective on April 1, 2010, biomass energy is a type of renewable energy, the development and usage of which is a priority in energy development for China. Further, under the Renewable Energy Law, power companies shall enter into grid-connection agreements to purchase the electricity at full price from renewable energy power plants that have been constructed according to the renewable energy development and usage plan, and that have obtained administrative approval or have registered their records with electricity authorities. As of the date of this prospectus, we have made filings with local electricity authority for information of our Tahe Biopower Plant construction project, and we have entered into a grid-connection agreement and electricity purchase agreements with State Grid Heilongjiang Electric Power Company Limited.

Pursuant to the Trial Rules of the Administration for the Price and Allocation of Cost of Renewable Energy Generation which was promulgated by SDRC on January 4, 2006, and became effective retrospectively on January 1, 2006, the price of biomass electricity is determined by the government. Renewable energy generation projects enjoy certain subsidy for 15 years starting from the date of operation. The manufacturing facility of Tahe Biopower Plant has been in operation since April 2014 and enjoyed a subsidy of RMB0.376 (approximately \$0.054) per kWh.

PRC Regulations Relating to Environmental Protection

Currently there are no industrial standards in the PRC specifying the emission of pollutants for activated carbon production in effect. We are subject to the PRC environmental protection laws and regulations in general.

Pursuant to the Environmental Protection Law of the PRC (the “Environmental Protection Law”) promulgated by SCNPC on December 26, 1989, amended on April 24, 2014, and effective on January 1, 2015, any entity which discharges or will discharge pollutants during its course of operations or other activities must implement effective environmental protection safeguards and procedures to control and properly treat waste gases, waste water, waste residues, dust, malodorous gases, radioactive substances, noise and vibrations, electromagnetic radiation, and other hazards produced during such activities. Further, the PRC government also enacted various laws and regulations regarding various pollution prevention, including the Air Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the PRC promulgated by SCNPC on August 29, 1995, and last amended and effective on October 26, 2018, and the Water Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the PRC promulgated by SCNPC on May 11, 1984, last amended on June 27, 2017, and effective on January 1, 2018, together with the Environmental Protection Law, the “Environment Laws.” Environmental protection authorities impose various administrative penalties on persons or enterprises in violation of the Environment Laws. Such penalties include warnings, fines, orders to rectify within the prescribed period, orders to cease construction, orders to restrict or suspend production, orders to make recovery, orders to disclose relevant information or make an announcement, imposition of administrative action against relevant responsible persons, and orders to shut down enterprises. Any person or entity that pollutes the environment resulting in damage could also be held liable under the Tort Law of the PRC. In addition, environmental organizations may also bring lawsuits against any entity that discharges pollutants detrimental to the public welfare. Kxingan Forasen obtained the License of Pollutant Discharges on February 27, 2020, which will be valid through February 26, 2023.

On October 27, 2016, the State Council circulated the Notice on Issuing the Work Plan for Greenhouse Gas Emission Control During the 13th Five-Year Plan Period (the “Work Plan”), which set out the key objectives to reduce, by 2020, carbon dioxide emissions per GDP unit by 18% of the 2015 emission level. In particular, the Work Plan requires that the cumulative decreasing number of carbon dioxide emissions shall be more than 110 billion tons, and that the chemical oxygen demand and ammonia emissions, and the nitrogen oxide and ammonia emissions decrease by 10% and 15%, respectively, of the 2015 emission level.

On March 2, 2018, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the PRC circulated the Draft Emission Standards of Activated Carbon Industrial Pollutants (the “Standards”) for public comments, the commenting period of which ended on April 8, 2018. While the Standards have not been passed, once it is enacted, our production of activated carbon will be subject to high standards on pollution emissions. See “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—Compliance with environmental and other laws and regulations could result in significant costs and liabilities.*”

PRC Regulations Relating to Work Safety and Fire Control

Work Safety

Under relevant construction safety laws and regulations, including the Work Safety Law of the PRC which was promulgated by the SCNPC on June 29, 2002, last amended on August 31, 2014, and effective as of December 1, 2014, production and operating business entities must establish objectives and measures for work safety and improve the working environment and conditions for workers in a planned and systematic way. A work safety protection scheme must also be set up to implement the work safety job responsibility system. In addition, production and operating business entities must arrange work safety training and provide the employees with protective equipment that meets the national standards or industrial standards. As of the date of this prospectus, we have established internal work safety procedures to ensure the work environment and conditions for our workers in the PRC.

Fire Control

Pursuant to the Fire Protection Law of the PRC, which was promulgated by the SCNPC on April 29, 1998, and amended on October 28, 2008, and on April 23, 2019, the construction entity of a large-scale crowded venue (including the construction of a manufacturing factory that is over 2,500 square meters) and other special construction projects must apply for fire prevention design review with fire control authorities, and complete fire assessment inspection and acceptance procedures after the construction project is completed. The construction entity of other construction projects must complete the filing for fire prevention design and the fire safety completion inspection and acceptance procedures within seven business days after obtaining the construction work permit and passing the construction completion inspection and acceptance. If the construction entity fails to pass the fire safety inspection before such venue is put into use, or fails to conform to the fire safety requirements after such inspection, it shall be subject to (i) orders to suspend the construction of the projects, use of such projects, or operation of relevant business; and (ii) a fine ranging between RMB30,000 and RMB300,000.

PRC Regulations Relating to Land and the Development of Construction Projects

Land Use Rights

Under the Interim Regulations on Assignment and Transfer of the Rights to Use the State-owned Urban Land, promulgated by the State Council on May 19, 1990, a system of assignment and transfer of the right to use state-owned land was adopted. A land user must pay land premiums to the state as consideration for the assignment of the right to use a land site within a certain term, and the land user who obtained the right to use the land may transfer, lease out, mortgage, or otherwise commercially exploit the land within the term of use. Under the Interim Regulations on Assignment and Transfer of the Rights to the Use of the State-Owned Urban Land and the Law of the PRC on Urban Real Estate Administration, the local land administration authority may enter into an assignment contract with the land user for the assignment of land use rights. The land user is required to pay the land premium as provided in the assignment contract. After the full payment of the land premium, the land user must register with the land administration authority and obtain a land use rights certificate which evidences the acquisition of land use rights. In December 2018, we made full payment of the land premium for the assignment of the use rights of the land where our Manzhouli facility will be located, and obtained the land use rights certificate for a term starting on November 16, 2018, and ending on November 16, 2068.

Planning of a Construction Project

For the construction of our Manzhouli facility, pursuant to the Regulations on Planning Administration regarding Assignment and Transfer of the Rights to Use the State-Owned Land in Urban Areas promulgated by the Ministry of Construction in December 1992 and amended in January 2011, a construction land planning permit shall be obtained from the municipal planning authority with respect to the planning and use of land. According to the Urban and Rural Planning Law of PRC promulgated by the SCNPC on October 28, 2007, and last amended on April 23, 2019, a construction work planning permit must be obtained from the competent urban and rural planning government authority for the construction of any structure, fixture, road, pipeline, or other engineering projects within an urban or rural planning area. After obtaining a construction work planning permit, subject to certain exceptions, a construction enterprise must apply for a construction work commencement permit from the construction authority under the local government at the county level or above in accordance with the Administrative Provisions on Construction Permit of Construction Projects promulgated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (the "MOHURD") on June 25, 2014, and amended on September 28, 2018. Failure to obtain such permits will subject the construction enterprise to penalties including suspension or termination of the construction and demolition of the constructed structures, as well as fines up to 10% of costs of the construction project.

Pursuant to the Administrative Measures for Reporting Details Regarding Acceptance Examination upon Completion of Buildings and Municipal Infrastructure promulgated by the Ministry of Construction on April 4, 2000, and amended on October 19, 2009, and the Provisions on Acceptance Examination upon Completion of Buildings and Municipal Infrastructure promulgated and implemented by the MOHURD on December 2, 2013, upon the completion of a construction project, the construction enterprise must submit an application to the competent department in the local government at the county level or above where the project is located, for examination upon completion of building and for filing purpose, and to obtain the filing form for acceptance and examination upon completion of construction project. Failure to apply for examination may be subject to fines between RMB200,000 to RMB500,000; and failure to submit its filing form for acceptance may be subject to fines between RMB10,000 to RMB50,000.

As of the date of this prospectus, we have obtained the construction planning permit and commenced the construction of infrastructure of our Manzhouli facility. Because the constructible season during a year is usually short in Manzhouli City for the reason of cold weather, we have been permitted by the local government to commence the infrastructure construction prior to obtaining the construction work commencement permit, and to apply for the requisite licenses, permits, and certificates once the final construction planning and price are determined. We are currently in the process of applying for the construction work commencement permit and expect to obtain such permit by mid-July 2020. However, any failures in obtaining such required licenses, permits, or certificates at various phases of the construction could subject us to fines and penalties including suspension of our construction, which may have a material effect on our financial and operational conditions. See *“Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—We may incur delays and budget overruns with respect to a facility under construction. Any such delays or cost overruns may have a material adverse effect on our operating results.”*

PRC Regulations Relating to Foreign Investment

Investment activities in the PRC by foreign investors were principally governed by the Guidance Catalogue of Industries for Foreign Investment, promulgated and as amended from time to time by MOFCOM and NDRC, which was later divided into two legal documents, including the Catalog of Industries for Encouraged Foreign Investment, or the “Encouraged Catalog,” and the Special Administrative Measures for Access of Foreign Investment (Negative List), or the “Negative List.” The current Encouraged Catalog and Negative List were both promulgated by MOFCOM and NDRC on June 30, 2019, and became effective on July 30, 2019. Industries listed in the Negative List are divided into two categories: restricted and prohibited. Industries not listed in the Negative List are generally constituted “permitted,” and are open to foreign investment unless specifically restricted by other PRC regulations. For restricted industries, some are limited to equity or contractual joint ventures, while in some cases Chinese partners are required to hold the majority interests in such joint ventures. In addition, restricted category projects are subject to higher-level government approvals. Foreign investors are not allowed to invest in industries in the prohibited category. The latest Negative List was released by MOFCOM and NDRC on June 30, 2020 and will become effective on July 23, 2020. Pursuant to the current and the updated Negative Lists, the production and sale of activated carbon as well as the production of biomass electricity are permitted industries.

The establishment, operation, and management of corporate entities in the PRC is governed by the PRC Company Law, which was initially promulgated by the SCNPC on December 29, 1993, and came into effect on July 1, 1994, and was last amended on October 26, 2018, and became effective on the same day. The PRC Company Law generally governs two types of companies—limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies. The PRC Company Law shall also apply to foreign-invested companies. Where laws on foreign investment have other stipulations, such stipulations shall prevail. The establishment procedures, approval or record-filing procedures, registered capital requirements, foreign exchange matters, accounting practices, taxation and labor matters of a wholly foreign-owned enterprise are regulated by the Wholly Foreign-Owned Enterprise Law of the PRC, or the “WFOE Law,” promulgated on April 12, 1986, and amended on October 31, 2000, and September 3, 2016, and the Rules for the Implementation of the WFOE Law, promulgated on December 12, 1990, and amended on April 12, 2001, and February 19, 2014. According to the amendments to the WFOE law in 2016, for a wholly foreign-owned enterprise which the special entry management system does not apply to, its establishment, operation duration and extension, separation, merger or other major changes shall be reported for record. Pursuant to the Provisional Administrative Measures for Record-filing Administration of the Establishment and Change of Foreign-Invested Enterprises, or the “Provisional Measures,” promulgated by MOFCOM on October 8, 2016 (as amended), establishment and modifications of foreign invested enterprises which are not subject to the approval under the special entry management measures shall be filed with the delegated commercial authorities.

On March 15, 2019, NPC passed the new Foreign Investment Law of the PRC and, on December 26, 2019, the State Council passed the new Implementation Regulations for the Foreign Investment Law of the PRC (collectively with the Foreign Investment Law of the PRC, the “FIL”), both of which became effective on January 1, 2020. The FIL sets out the definitions of foreign investment and the framework for promotion, protection and administration of foreign investment activities. Since its effectiveness in January 2020, the FIL has replaced the three existing PRC laws on foreign investment, namely the Law on Sino-Foreign Equity Joint Ventures (the “EJV Law”), the Law on Sino-Foreign Contractual Joint Ventures (the “CJV Law”), and the WFOE Law (together with the EJV Law and the CJV Law, the “Three FDI Laws”). Pursuant to the FIL, starting on January 1, 2020, the organization form, corporate structure, and operating rules of newly established FIEs are subject to the PRC Company Law and the PRC Partnership Enterprise Law, depending on their form of business organization. For existing FIEs established under the Three FDI Laws, such as our WFOEs including Zhejiang CN Energy and Manzhouli CN Energy, their corporate structure may remain unchanged for five years. Upon the expiration of the five-year transition period, all FIEs will be governed by the PRC Company Law or the PRC Partnership Enterprise Law. We believe that the FIL will have very limited impact on our WFOEs’ corporate governance, as the organizational form and corporate structure of WFOEs have been governed by the PRC Company Law since 2006.

PRC Regulations Relating to Foreign Exchange

General Administration of Foreign Exchange

The principal regulations governing foreign currency exchange in China are the PRC Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations, which were promulgated on January 29, 1996, and most recently amended on August 5, 2008, issued by SAFE and other relevant PRC government authorities. Pursuant to the PRC Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations, RMB is convertible into other currencies for current account items, such as trade-related receipts and payments and payment of interest and dividends. The conversion of RMB into other currencies and remittance of the converted foreign currency outside the PRC for capital account items, such as direct equity investments, loans, and repatriation of investment, requires the prior approval from SAFE or its local office.

Payments for transactions that take place within the PRC must be made in RMB. Unless otherwise approved, PRC companies may not repatriate foreign currency payments received from abroad or retain the same abroad. FIEs may retain foreign exchange in accounts with designated foreign exchange banks under the current account items subject to a cap set by SAFE or its local office. Foreign exchange proceeds under the current accounts may be either retained or sold to a financial institution engaged in settlement and sale of foreign exchange pursuant to relevant SAFE rules and regulations. For foreign exchange proceeds under the capital accounts, approval from SAFE is generally required for the retention or sale of such proceeds to a financial institution engaged in settlement and sale of foreign exchange.

Since 2012, SAFE has promulgated several circulars to substantially amend and simplify the current foreign exchange procedure. Pursuant to the Circular of SAFE on Further Improving and Adjusting Foreign Exchange Administration Policies for Direct Investment, or “SAFE Circular 59,” promulgated by SAFE on November 19, 2012, which became effective on December 17, 2012, and was further amended on May 4, 2015, approval of SAFE is not required for opening a foreign exchange account and depositing foreign exchange into the accounts relating to direct investments. SAFE Circular 59 also simplified foreign exchange-related registration required for foreign investors to acquire the equity interests of Chinese companies and further improve the administration on foreign exchange settlement for FIEs. The Circular on Further Simplifying and Improving the Foreign Currency Management Policy on Direct Investment, or “SAFE Circular 13,” effective from June 1, 2015, cancelled the administrative approvals of foreign exchange registration of direct domestic investment and direct overseas investment and simplified the procedure of foreign exchange-related registration. Pursuant to SAFE Circular 13, the investors shall register with banks for direct domestic investment and direct overseas investment.

The Circular on Reforming the Management Approach regarding the Settlement of Foreign Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprise, or “SAFE Circular 19,” which was promulgated by SAFE on March 30, 2015, and became effective on June 1, 2015, provides that an FIE may, according to its actual business needs, settle with a bank the portion of the foreign exchange capital in its capital account for which the relevant foreign exchange administration has confirmed monetary capital contribution rights and interests (or for which the bank has registered the injection of the monetary capital contribution into the account). Pursuant to SAFE Circular 19, for the time being, FIEs are allowed to settle 100% of their foreign exchange capital on a discretionary basis; an FIE shall truthfully use its capital for its own operational purposes within the scope of business; where an ordinary FIE makes domestic equity investment with the amount of foreign exchanges settled, the invested enterprise must first go through domestic re-investment registration and open a corresponding account for foreign exchange settlement pending payment with the foreign exchange administration or the bank at the place where it is registered. SAFE later promulgated the Circular on Reforming and Standardizing the Foreign Exchange Settlement Management Policy of Capital Account, or “SAFE Circular 16,” effective on June 9, 2016, which reiterates some of the rules set forth in SAFE Circular 19, but changes the prohibition against using RMB capital converted from foreign currency-denominated registered capital of a foreign-invested company to issue RMB entrusted loans to a prohibition against using such capital to issue loans to non-associated enterprises. Violations of SAFE Circular 19 or Circular 16 could result in administrative penalties such as restrictions on foreign exchange activities of such enterprises.

According to the Provisional Measures, the Administrative Rules on the Company Registration which was promulgated by the State Council on June 24, 1994, became effective on July 1, 1994, and was most recently amended on February 6, 2016, and other laws and regulations governing the foreign invested enterprises and company registrations, the establishment of a foreign invested enterprise and any capital increase and other major changes in a foreign invested enterprise shall be registered with the State Administration for Market Regulation (the “SAMR”) or its local counterparts, and shall be filed via the foreign investment comprehensive administrative system, or the “FICMIS,” if such foreign invested enterprise does not involve special access administrative measures prescribed by the PRC government.

Pursuant to SAFE Circular 13 and other laws and regulations relating to foreign exchange, when setting up a new foreign invested enterprise, the foreign invested enterprise shall register with the bank located at its registered place after obtaining the business license, and if there is any change in capital or other changes relating to the basic information of the FIE, including without limitation any increase in its registered capital or total investment, the foreign invested enterprise must register such changes with the bank located at its registered place after obtaining approval from or completing the filing with competent authorities. Pursuant to the relevant foreign exchange laws and regulations, the above-mentioned foreign exchange registration with the banks will typically take less than four weeks upon acceptance of the registration application.

Based on the foregoing, if we intend to provide funding to our wholly foreign owned subsidiaries through capital injection at or after their establishment, we must register the establishment of and any subsequent capital increase in our wholly foreign owned subsidiaries with the SAMR or its local counterparts, file such via the FICMIS, and register such with the local banks for the foreign exchange related matters. Once the FIL becomes effective, pursuant to Article 21 of the FIL, foreign investors will be free to remit profits, capital gains, income from asset disposal, or intellectual property royalties into and out of China in accordance with PRC laws. While there have not been any detailed rules issued on this regard, we do not expect that foreign investors will be able to freely remit funds into or out of China without any limitation. However, we do expect that foreign investors will enjoy more convenience when remitting their profits out of China.

Loans by Foreign Companies to their PRC Subsidiaries

A loan made by foreign investors as shareholders in a foreign invested enterprise is considered to be a foreign debt in China and is regulated by various laws and regulations, including the PRC Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations, the Interim Provisions on the Management of Foreign Debts, the Statistical Monitoring of Foreign Debts Tentative Provisions, the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of Provisional Regulations on Statistics and Supervision of External Debt, and the Administrative Measures for Registration of Foreign Debts, together, the “Foreign Debts Provisions.” Under the Foreign Debts Provisions, a shareholder loan in the form of a foreign debt made to its PRC subsidiary does not require the prior approval of SAFE. However, such a foreign debt must be registered with and recorded by SAFE or its local branches within 15 business days after entering into the foreign debt contract. Further, the balance of the foreign debts of a foreign invested enterprise shall not exceed the difference between the total investment and the registered capital of the foreign invested enterprise, or the “Total Investment and Registered Capital Balance.”

On January 12, 2017, PBOC issued PBOC Notice No. 9, which sets out the statutory upper limit on the foreign debts for PRC non-financial entities, including both FIEs and domestic-invested enterprises. Pursuant to PBOC Notice No. 9, the foreign debt upper limit for both foreign-invested and domestic-invested enterprise is calculated as twice the amount of the net asset of such enterprises. As to net assets, the companies shall take the net assets value stated in their latest audited financial statement. PBOC Notice No. 9 does not supersede the Foreign Debts Provisions. Pursuant to PBOC Notice No. 9, PBOC and SAFE shall reevaluate the calculation method for FIEs and determine what the applicable calculation method would be. As of the date of this prospectus, neither PBOC nor SAFE has issued and made public any further rules, regulations, notices, or circulars in this regard. It is uncertain which mechanism will be adopted by PBOC and SAFE in the future and what statutory limits will be imposed on us when providing loans to our PRC subsidiaries. Under current practice, the relevant authorities are likely to allow FIEs, such as our PRC subsidiaries, to choose the calculation method either under the Foreign Debts Provisions or PBOC Notice No. 9 until any new regulation is issued. After the FIL becomes effective, however, it is uncertain whether the concept of “total investment” will still exist and whether the foreign debt quota will still be subject to the total Investment and Registered Capital Balance of an FIE or it will be replaced by the new mode introduced under PBOC Notice No. 9. As of the date of this prospectus, our PRC subsidiaries do not have any foreign debts owed to their foreign investor Energy Holdings.

Dividend Distribution

The principal laws and regulations regulating the distribution of dividends by FIEs in the PRC include the FIL and PRC Company Law and their implementation regulations. Under the current regulatory regime in the PRC, FIEs in the PRC may pay dividends only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with the PRC accounting standards and regulations. A PRC company is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits as statutory reserve funds, until the cumulative amount of such reserve funds reaches 50% of its registered capital, unless laws regarding foreign investment provide otherwise. A PRC company shall not distribute any profits until any losses from prior fiscal years have been offset. Profits retained from prior fiscal years may be distributed together with distributable profits from the current fiscal year.

PRC Regulations Relating to Offshore Investments by PRC Residents

SAFE promulgated the SAFE Circular 37 in July 2014 that requires PRC residents or entities to register with SAFE or its local branch in connection with their establishment or control of an offshore entity established for the purpose of overseas investment or financing. In addition, such PRC residents or entities must update their SAFE registrations when the offshore SPV undergoes material events relating to any change of basic information (including change of such PRC citizens or residents, name and operation term), increases or decreases in investment amount, transfers or exchanges of shares, or mergers or divisions.

The SAFE Circular 37 was issued to replace Circular 75 (the Notice on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration for PRC Residents Engaging in Financing and Round-trip Investments via Overseas Special Purpose Vehicles). SAFE further enacted the Notice on Further Simplifying and Improving the Foreign Exchange Management Policies for Direct Investment effective from June 1, 2015, which allows PRC residents or entities to register with qualified banks in connection with their establishment or control of an offshore entity established for the purpose of overseas investment or financing. However, remedial registration applications made by PRC residents that previously failed to comply with the SAFE Circular 37 continue to fall under the jurisdiction of the relevant local branch of SAFE. In the event that a PRC shareholder holding interests in a SPV fails to fulfill the required SAFE registration, the PRC subsidiaries of that SPV may be prohibited from distributing profits to the offshore parent and from carrying out subsequent cross-border foreign exchange activities, and the SPV may be restricted in its ability to contribute additional capital into its PRC subsidiary. Moreover, failure to comply with the various SAFE registration requirements described above could result in liability under PRC law for evasion of foreign exchange controls. As of the date of this prospectus, four of our beneficial owners who are PRC residents have completed the registrations required by the SAFE Circular 37.

PRC Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions and Overseas Listing

On August 8, 2006, six PRC governmental and regulatory agencies, including the MOFCOM and the CSRC, promulgated the Rules on Acquisition of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors, or the “M&A Rules,” governing the mergers and acquisitions of domestic enterprises by foreign investors, which became effective on September 8, 2006, and was revised on June 22, 2009. The M&A Rules, among other things, require that if an overseas company established or controlled by PRC companies or individuals, or “PRC Citizens,” intends to acquire equity interests or assets of any other PRC domestic company affiliated with PRC Citizens, such acquisition must be submitted to the MOFCOM for approval. The M&A Rules also requires that an offshore special vehicle, or a SPV formed for overseas listing purposes and controlled directly or indirectly by the PRC companies or individuals, shall obtain the approval of the CSRC prior to overseas listing and trading of such SPV’s securities on an overseas stock exchange. *See “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Doing Business in the PRC—The approval of the China Securities Regulatory Commission may be required in connection with this offering under a regulation adopted in August 2006, and, if required, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such approval, in which case there would be sanctions against our Company.”*

PRC Regulations Relating to Taxation

Enterprise Income Tax

On March 16, 2007, the SCNPC promulgated the EIT Law which came into effect on January 1, 2008, and was later amended on February 24, 2017, and December 29, 2018, and on December 6, 2007, the State Council enacted the Regulations for the Implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law which was amended and became effective on April 23, 2019. Under the EIT Law, both resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises are subject to tax in the PRC. Resident enterprises are defined as enterprises that are established in China in accordance with PRC laws, or that are established in accordance with the laws of foreign countries but are actually or in effect controlled from within the PRC. Non-resident enterprises are defined as enterprises that are organized under the laws of foreign countries and whose actual management is conducted outside the PRC, but have established institutions or premises in the PRC, or have no such established institutions or premises but have income generated from inside the PRC. Under the EIT Law and relevant implementing regulations, a uniform corporate income tax rate of 25% is applied. However, if non-resident enterprises have not formed permanent establishments or premises in the PRC, or if they have formed permanent establishment or premises in the PRC but there is no actual relationship between the relevant income derived in the PRC and the established institutions or premises set up by them, enterprise income tax is set at the rate of 20% with respect to their income sourced from inside the PRC.

Value-Added Tax

The Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-Added Tax were promulgated by the State Council on December 13, 1993, came into effect on January 1, 1994, and were last amended on November 19, 2017, and the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-Added Tax was promulgated by the Ministry of Finance on December 15, 2008, effective on January 1, 2009, and amended on October 28, 2011 (collectively, the “VAT Laws”). On November 19, 2017, the State Council promulgated the Decisions on Abolishing the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Business Tax and Amending the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-Added Tax, or the “Order 691.” According to the VAT Laws and the Order 691, all enterprises and individuals engaged in the sale of goods, the provision of processing, repair and replacement services, sales of services, intangible assets, real property, and the importation of goods within the territory of the PRC are the taxpayers of value-added taxes. The valued-added tax rates generally applicable are simplified as 13%, 9%, 6%, and 0%, and the value-added tax rate applicable to the small-scale taxpayers is 3%.

Tax Incentives

On January 29, 2016, the PRC Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Finance, and the SAT jointly enacted the Administrative Measures for Certification of High and New Technology Enterprises (2016 Amendment) (the “Measures for High-Tech Enterprises”), which repealed the previous measures issued in 2008, and became effective retroactively on January 1, 2016. Under the EIT Law and the Measures for High-Tech Enterprises, certain qualified high-tech companies may benefit from a preferential tax rate of 15% if they own core intellectual properties and their business fall into certain industries that are strongly supported by the PRC government and recognized by certain departments of the State Council. Khingan Forasen was granted the HNTE qualification effective on November 15, 2016, for a three-year term, and enjoyed a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15% during this period. Khingan Forasen’s HNTE qualification was reappraised on December 3, 2019 and Khingan Forasen continues to enjoy the reduced income tax rate for the next three years. There can be no assurance, however, that Khingan Forasen will continue to meet the qualifications and successfully renew its HNTE qualification upon its expiry. In addition, there can be no guaranty that relevant governmental authorities will not revoke Khingan Forasen’s HNTE status in the future.

Since the 1980s, the PRC has incentivized the “comprehensive utilization of resources,” which means using nonhazardous wastes as inputs to production, to create environmental benefits by avoiding disposal impacts, mitigating manufacturing impacts, and conserving undeveloped resources. Pursuant to the Notice on the Issues Concerning the Implementation of the Catalogue of Comprehensive Utilization of Resources Entitling Enterprises to Income Tax Preferences issued by the Ministry of Finance and the SAT on September 23, 2008, effective retrospectively on January 1, 2008, the EIT Law, and other relevant rules and regulations, incomes gained by an enterprise from producing products that are in compliance with the relevant national or industrial standards by using resources listed in the catalogue as main raw materials, are subject to a 10% reduction in calculating its taxable income. Khingan Forasen’s production of biomass electricity enjoys such a tax incentive. Further, according to the Notice of the Ministry of Finance and the SAT on Issuing the Catalogue of Value-Added Tax Preferences for Products and Labor Services for Comprehensive Utilization of Resources Incomes (the “Comprehensive Utilization of Resources Catalogue”) promulgated on June 12, 2015, and effective on the same day, taxpayers who are engaged in the sale of products made by themselves and the provision of services through comprehensive utilization of resources as listed in the Comprehensive Utilization of Resources Catalogue may enjoy the benefit of an immediate refund upon their payments of value-added taxes. Khingan Forasen’s use of forestry residues in the productions of activated carbon, which is listed in the Comprehensive Utilization of Resources Catalogue referred above, allows Khingan Forasen to enjoy a 70% refund upon its payment of value-added taxes each time.

Dividend Withholding Tax

The EIT Law provides that since January 1, 2008, an income tax rate of 10% will normally be applicable to dividends declared to non-PRC resident investors which do not have an establishment or place of business in the PRC, or which have such establishment or place of business but the relevant income is not effectively connected with the establishment or place of business, to the extent such dividends are derived from sources within the PRC.

Pursuant to an Arrangement Between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Incomes, or the “Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement,” and other applicable PRC laws, if a Hong Kong resident enterprise is determined by the competent PRC tax authority to have satisfied the relevant conditions and requirements under such Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement and other applicable laws, the 10% withholding tax on the dividends the Hong Kong resident enterprise receives from a PRC resident enterprise may be reduced to 5%.

However, based on the SAT Circular 81 promulgated on February 20, 2009, if the relevant PRC tax authorities determine, in their discretion, that a company benefits from such a reduced income tax rate due to a structure or arrangement that is primarily tax-driven, such PRC tax authorities may adjust the preferential tax treatment. The SAT further released several circulars including the Notice on How to Understand and Recognize the “Beneficial Owner” in Tax Treaties (the “SAT Circular 601”) which listed seven unfavorable factors for the determination of “beneficial owner,” and the Announcement on the Recognition of the “Beneficial Owner” in Tax Treaties (the “SAT Announcement 30”) which provided a safe harbor rule for qualified non-tax residents to enjoy treaty benefits on dividends. Nevertheless, taxpayers and local-level tax authorities in China encountered numerous technical and practical problems when dealing with beneficial owner related cases due to lack of clearer guidance.

The SAT Circular 601 and the SAT Announcement 30 were abolished by the Circular on Relevant Questions Regarding the “Beneficial Owner” in Tax Treaties, which was issued on February 3, 2018, by the SAT and became effective on April 1, 2018 (the “SAT Circular 9”). According to the SAT Circular 9, when determining the applicant’s status of the “beneficial owner” regarding tax treatments in connection with dividends, interests or royalties in the tax treaties, several factors will be taken into account and analyzed according to the actual circumstances of the specific cases, including without limitation, whether the applicant is obligated to pay more than 50% of his or her income in 12 months to residents in a third country or region, whether the business operated by the applicant constitutes the actual business activities, and whether the counterparty country or region to the tax treaties grants tax exemption on relevant incomes or levies tax at an extremely low rate. The SAT Circular 9 further provides that applicants who intend to prove their status of the “beneficial owner” shall submit the relevant documents to the relevant tax bureau according to the Announcement on Issuing the Measures for the Administration of Non-Resident Taxpayers’ Enjoyment of the Treatment under Tax Agreements.

Tax on Indirect Transfer

On February 3, 2015, the SAT issued the Circular on Issues of Enterprise Income Tax on Indirect Transfers of Assets by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, or “SAT Bulletin 7.” Pursuant to SAT Bulletin 7, an “indirect transfer” of assets, including equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, by non-PRC resident enterprises, may be re-characterized and treated as a direct transfer of PRC taxable assets, if such arrangement does not have a reasonable commercial purpose and was established for the purpose of avoiding payment of PRC enterprise income tax. As a result, gains derived from such indirect transfer may be subject to PRC enterprise income tax. When determining whether there is a “reasonable commercial purpose” of the transaction arrangement, features to be taken into consideration include, inter alia, whether the main value of the equity interest of the relevant offshore enterprise derives directly or indirectly from PRC taxable assets; whether the assets of the relevant offshore enterprise mainly consists of direct or indirect investment in China or if its income is mainly derived from China; and whether the offshore enterprise and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly holding PRC taxable assets have real commercial nature which is evidenced by their actual function and risk exposure. According to the SAT Bulletin 7, where the payer fails to withhold any or sufficient tax, the transferor shall declare and pay such tax to the tax authority by itself within the statutory time limit. Late payment of applicable taxes will subject the transferor to default interest. The SAT Bulletin 7 does not apply to transactions of sale of shares by investors through a public stock exchange where such shares were acquired on a public stock exchange. On October 17, 2017, the SAT issued the Circular on Issues of Tax Withholding regarding Non-PRC Resident Enterprise Income Tax, or SAT Circular 37, which further elaborates the relevant implemental rules regarding the calculation, reporting and payment obligations of the withholding tax by the non-resident enterprises. Nonetheless, there remain uncertainties as to the interpretation and application of the SAT Bulletin 7. The SAT Bulletin 7 may be determined by the tax authorities to be applicable to our offshore transactions or sale of our shares or those of our offshore subsidiary where non-resident enterprises, being the transferors, were involved. See “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Doing Business in the PRC— We face uncertainty with respect to indirect transfers of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises by their non-PRC holding companies.”

PRC Regulations Relating to Intellectual Property Rights

Patent Law

According to the Patent Law of the PRC (2008 Amendment), the State Intellectual Property Office is responsible for administering patent law in the PRC. The patent administration departments of provincial, autonomous region, or municipal governments are responsible for administering patent law within their respective jurisdictions. The Chinese patent system adopts a first-to-file principle, which means that when more than one person files different patent applications for the same invention, only the person who files the application first is entitled to obtain a patent of the invention. To be patentable, an invention or a utility model must meet three criteria: novelty, inventiveness, and practicability. A patent is valid for 20 years in the case of an invention and 10 years in the case of utility models and designs.

Trademarks

Registered trademarks are protected under the Trademark Law of the PRC, promulgated by SCNPC on August 23, 1982, last amended on April 23, 2019, and effective on November 1, 2019, and the Implementation Regulations of the Trademark Law of the PRC, promulgated by the State Council on August 3, 2002, and amended on April 29, 2014. Trademarks are registered with the Trademark Office of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce. Where registration is sought for a trademark that is identical or similar to another trademark that has already been registered or given preliminary examination and approval for use in the same or similar category of commodities or services, the application for registration of the former trademark could be rejected. Trademark registrations are effective for a renewable ten-year period, unless otherwise revoked.

Domain Names

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (the “MIIT”) promulgated the Administration Measures of Internet Domain Names (the “Domain Name Measures”) on August 24, 2017, which came into force on November 1, 2017. China Internet Network Information Center promulgated the Implementing Rules on Registration of Domain Names (2012 Amendment) on May 28, 2012, which became effective on the next day, and the Measures on National Top Level Domain Name Disputes Resolution on November 21, 2014, which became effective on the same day. Pursuant to these laws, regulations, and administrative rules, domain names registrations are processed through domain names service agencies established under the relevant regulations, and applicants become domain name holders upon successful registration.

See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—Disclosure of our trade secrets and other proprietary information, or a failure to adequately protect these or our other intellectual property rights, could result in increased competition and have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.”

PRC Regulations Relating to Labor and Social Welfare

Labor Protection

The Labor Contract Law of the PRC, or the “Labor Contract Law,” which was promulgated on January 1, 2008, amended on December 28, 2012, and became effective on July 1, 2013, is primarily aimed at regulating rights and obligations in employer and employee relationship, including the establishment, performance and termination of labor contracts. Pursuant to the Labor Contract Law, labor contracts shall be concluded in writing if labor relationships are to be or have been established between employers and the employees. Employers are prohibited from forcing employees to work above certain time limit and employers shall pay employees for overtime work in accordance to national regulations. In addition, employee wages shall be no lower than local standards on minimum wages and must be paid to employees in a timely manner. *See “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Doing Business in the PRC—Increases in labor costs in the PRC may adversely affect our business and our profitability.”*

Social Insurance and Housing Fund

As required under the Regulation of Insurance for Labor Injury implemented on January 1, 2004, and amended in 2010, the Provisional Measures for Maternity Insurance of Employees of Corporations implemented on January 1, 1995, the Decisions on the Establishment of a Unified Program for Old-Aged Pension Insurance of the State Council issued on July 16, 1997, the Decisions on the Establishment of the Medical Insurance Program for Urban Workers of the State Council promulgated on December 14, 1998, the Unemployment Insurance Measures promulgated on January 22, 1999, and the Social Insurance Law of the PRC implemented on July 1, 2011, and last amended on December 29, 2018, employers are required to provide their employees in the PRC with welfare benefits covering pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, labor injury insurance, and medical insurance. These payments are made to local administrative authorities. Any employer that fails to make social insurance contributions may be ordered to rectify the non-compliance and pay the required contributions within a prescribed time limit and be subject to a late fee. If the employer still fails to rectify the failure to make the relevant contributions within the prescribed time, it may be subject to a fine ranging from one to three times the amount overdue.

On July 20, 2018, the General Office of the CPC Central Committee and the General Office of the State Council jointly issued the Reform Plan of the State Tax and Local Tax System, which specified that starting January 1, 2019, local tax authorities would become the administration authority for social insurance, and such payments shall be made to the local tax authorities. On November 16, 2018, the State Administration of Taxation released the Notice of Certain Measures on Further Supporting and Serving the Development of Private Economy, which provided that the policy for social insurance shall remain stable and the State Administration of Taxation will pursue to lower the social insurance contribution rates with the relevant authorities, and ensure the overall burden of social insurance contribution on enterprises will be lowered. With regard to the arrearages of contributors, including private enterprises, for the previous years, centralized settlement shall not be organized or implemented without authorization. On November 22, 2018, NDRC, PBOC, and 26 other regulatory departments jointly circulated the Notice of the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Implementation of Joint Discipline on Severe Discredited Enterprises and Relevant People in the of Social Insurance, which confirmed that the relevant authorities would publicize an enterprise's severe discredit in social insurance payments through official website, limit its government financial support, and limit its opportunities in participation of government projects.

In accordance with the Regulations on the Management of Housing Fund which was promulgated by the State Council in 1999, amended on March 24, 2019, and became effective on the same day, employers must register at the designated administrative centers and open bank accounts for depositing employees' housing funds. Employer and employee are also required to pay and deposit housing funds, with an amount no less than 5% of the monthly average salary of the employee in the preceding year in full and on time.

See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Doing Business in the PRC—We are not in compliance with the PRC's regulations relating to employee benefit plans, and as a result, we may be subject to penalties if we are not able to remediate the non-compliance."

MANAGEMENT

Set forth below is information concerning our directors, executive officers, and other key employees.

The following individuals are members of the Board and executive management of the Registrant.

Name	Age	Position(s)
Kangbin Zheng	56	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board, and Director
Ye Ren	33	Chief Financial Officer
Mei Cai	40	Director
Phillip Connelly	66	Independent Director
Wenbiao Zhang	53	Independent Director
Jian Chen	51	Independent Director

The following is a brief biography of each of our executive officers and directors:

Mr. Kangbin Zheng has been our director since April 2020 and our chief executive officer and chairman of the Board since June 2020. Since August 2014, Mr. Zheng has served as the chief executive officer of Beijing Future Ark Consulting Co., Ltd. and managed its strategies and daily operations. From January 2007 to July 2014, Mr. Zheng served as the director for private sector operations in China of the Asian Development Bank. From June 1986 to January 2007, Mr. Zheng worked at the World Bank Group on corporate strategy and resource management, risk management, investment projects, and economic and policy work. From February 2017 to June 2020, Mr. Zheng served as an independent director of Farmmi, Inc., a Nasdaq listed company. Mr. Zheng received his Ph.D. in Economics from Georgetown University in 1992, his master's degree in Business from Wuhan University in 1985, and his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Hubei University in 1982.

Ms. Ye Ren has been our chief financial officer since August 2019 and is responsible for supervising our finance team, reviewing and approving financial and accounting transactions, and IPO financial regulation compliance. From April 2017 to July 2018, Ms. Ren served as the Deputy Finance Manager of Zhejiang Yongning Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., where she was responsible for department budget and internal control. From December 2014 to March 2017, Ms. Ren served as an assistant of the chief financial officer of Tantech Holdings Ltd. From October 2013 to November 2015, Ms. Ren served as a senior auditor of Pan-China Certificated Public Accountants LLP. Ms. Ren obtained her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from George Fox University in 2010 and her master's degree in Accountancy from the University of South Carolina in 2013.

Ms. Mei Cai has been our director since August 2019. Ms. Cai has served as an accounting consultant and advisor of Wealth Financial Services LLC since October 2017. From December 2013 to September 2017, Ms. Cai served as an auditor and subsequently as an audit manager of Friedman, LLP. From December 2006 to November 2013, Ms. Cai served as an auditor and subsequently as an audit manager of Patrizio & Zhao, LLC. Ms. Cai obtained her bachelor's degree in Economic Management from Jiangsu Radio & TV University in 2003.

Mr. Phillip Connelly has been our independent director since April 2020. Mr. Connelly retired from his position as the executive vice chancellor of Wenzhou-Kean University in March 2018, where he oversaw the complete operations of the university in accordance with the direction established in its strategic plan since July 2008. From September 2002 to June 2008, Mr. Connelly served as the vice-president for administration and finance of Kean University, and was responsible for the operations of the divisions of financial services, computer services, facilities maintenance, campus planning, campus safety, and human resources. Mr. Connelly received his Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from Fordham University in 1985 and his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Rutgers University in 1981.

Mr. Wenbiao Zhang has been our independent director since August 2019. Mr. Zhang is an experienced researcher in the areas of bamboo charcoal and biomass energy, who published over 60 papers on Chinese and international journals, owns 10 patents in the PRC, and has been a committee member of multiple bamboo material related organizations. Mr. Zhang has been a professor and doctoral supervisor of Zhejiang A&F University since July 2002, whose research focuses on the pyrolysis of biomass in bamboo, biochar and its functional composites, and the production of clean energy from biomass. Mr. Zhang has served as an independent director of Jiangshan Oupai Door Co., Ltd., a public company in the PRC since October 2015. Mr. Zhang received his doctoral degree and master's degree in Wooden Materials and Technology from Nanjing Forestry University in 2002 and 1999, respectively, and his bachelor's degree in Wooden Materials and Engineering from Zhejiang A&F University in 1994.

Ms. Jian Chen has been our independent director since June 2020. Ms. Chen has served as the vice president of Kean USA Group Inc. since October 2010. From March 2007 to October 2010, Ms. Chen served as a senior financial manager of Verizon Wireless, Inc. From March 2000 to March 2007, Ms. Chen served as a senior system/business supervisor of Bristol-Myers Squibb. Ms. Chen received her Master of Business Administration degree in Management Information System from Kean University in 1999 and her bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from University of Nebraska in 1993.

Pursuant to our second amended and restated articles of association, the minimum number of directors shall consist of not less than one person unless otherwise determined by the shareholders in a general meeting. Our directors in office immediately prior to the first annual general meeting following the listing of our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market will retire at that annual general meeting unless re-elected. After the first annual general meeting following the listing of our Ordinary Shares, unless removed or re-appointed, each director shall be appointed for a term expiring at the next-following annual general meeting, if any is held. At any annual general meeting held, our directors will be elected by a majority vote of shareholders eligible to vote at that meeting. At each annual general meeting, each director so elected shall hold office for a one-year term and until the election of their respective successors in office or removed.

Family Relationships

None of the other directors or executive officers has a family relationship as defined in Item 401 of Regulation S-K.

Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

To the best of our knowledge, none of our directors or executive officers has, during the past 10 years, been involved in any legal proceedings described in subparagraph (f) of Item 401 of Regulation S-K.

Board of Directors

Our board of directors consists of five directors. We have determined that Wenbiao Zhang, Jian Chen, and Phillip Connelly satisfy the "independence" requirements of the Nasdaq Capital Market corporate governance rules.

Duties of Directors

Under British Virgin Islands law, our directors owe fiduciary duties both at common law and under statute, including a statutory duty to act honestly, in good faith and with a view to our best interests. When exercising powers or performing duties as a director, our directors also have a duty to exercise the care, diligence and skills that a reasonable director would exercise in comparable circumstances, taking into account without limitation the nature of the company, the nature of the decision and the position of the director and the nature of the responsibilities undertaken by him. In exercising the powers of a director, the directors must exercise their powers for a proper purpose and shall not act or agree to the company acting in a manner that contravenes our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association or the BVI Act. See “*Description of Share Capital—Differences in Corporate Law*” for additional information on our directors’ fiduciary duties under British Virgin Islands law. In fulfilling their duty of care to us, our directors must ensure compliance with our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association. We have the right to seek damages if a duty owed by our directors is breached.

The functions and powers of our board of directors include, among others:

- appointing officers and determining the term of office of the officers;
- authorizing the payment of donations to religious, charitable, public, or other bodies, clubs, funds, or associations as deemed advisable;
- exercising the borrowing powers of the company and mortgaging the property of the company;
- executing checks, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the company; and
- maintaining or registering a register of mortgages, charges, or other encumbrances of the company.

Terms of Directors and Executive Officers

Each of our directors generally holds office until a successor has been duly elected and qualified unless the director was appointed by the board of directors, in which case such director holds office until the next following annual meeting of shareholders at which time such director is eligible for re-election. All of our executive officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of our board of directors.

Qualification

There is currently no shareholding qualification for directors, although a shareholding qualification for directors may be fixed by our shareholders by ordinary resolution.

Employment Agreements With Named Executive Officers

On August 26, 2019 and June 22, 2020, we entered into employment agreements with our executive officers. Pursuant to employment agreements, the form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Registration Statement, we agreed to employ each of our executive officers for a specified time period, which may be renewed upon both parties’ agreement 30 days before the end of the current employment term, and payment of cash compensation and benefits shall become payable when we become a public reporting company in the US. We may terminate the employment for cause, at any time, without notice or remuneration, for certain acts of the executive officer, including but not limited to the commitments of any serious or persistent breach or non-observance of the terms and conditions of the employment, conviction of a criminal offense, willful disobedience of a lawful and reasonable order, fraud or dishonesty, receipt of bribery, or severe neglect of his or her duties. An executive officer may terminate his or her employment at any time with a one-month prior written notice. Each executive officer has agreed to hold, both during and after the employment agreement expires, in strict confidence and not to use or disclose to any person, corporation or other entity without written consent, any confidential information.

Our employment agreement with Mr. Kangbin Zheng, our chief executive officer and chairman, is for a term of three years beginning on June 22, 2020, with an annual salary of \$180,000, the payment of which commences when we become a public reporting company in the U.S.

Our employment agreement with Ms. Ye Ren, our chief financial officer, is for a term of three years beginning on August 26, 2019, with an annual salary of RMB300,000 (approximately \$41,861), the payment of which commences when we become a public reporting company in the US.

Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, we paid an aggregate of \$87,281 as compensation to our executive officers, and we did not compensate our non-executive directors for their services other than to reimburse them for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Insider Participation Concerning Executive Compensation

Our former director, Ms. Yefang Zhang, was making all determinations regarding executive officer compensation from the inception of the Company until August 2019, when she ceased to be our director. Our current board of directors has been making all determinations regarding executive officer compensation since August 2019 and will continue to make such determinations up until the time as our Compensation Committee will be set up (please see below).

Committees of the Board of Directors

Although the Nasdaq Capital Market rules permit a foreign private issuer like us to follow the corporate governance practices of its home country, we intend to comply with the Nasdaq Capital Market corporate governance listing standards, as applicable, and have established an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating and corporate governance committee. Our independent directors shall serve on each of the committees. The appointment to the committees will be effective immediately prior to the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. We have adopted a charter for each of the three committees. Each committee's members and functions are described below.

Audit Committee. Our audit committee consists of our three independent directors, Wenbiao Zhang, Jian Chen, and Phillip Connelly. Ms. Chen is the chairperson of our audit committee. We have determined that each of our independent directors also satisfy the "independence" requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act. Our board also has determined that Mr. Connelly qualifies as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the SEC rules or possesses financial sophistication within the meaning of the Nasdaq Capital Market corporate governance rules. The audit committee oversees our accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the financial statements of our company. The audit committee is responsible for, among other things:

- appointing the independent auditors and pre-approving all auditing and non-auditing services permitted to be performed by the independent auditors;
- reviewing with the independent auditors any audit problems or difficulties and management's response;
- discussing the annual audited financial statements with management and the independent auditors;
- reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our accounting and internal control policies and procedures and any steps taken to monitor and control major financial risk exposures;
- reviewing and approving all proposed related party transactions;
- meeting separately and periodically with management and the independent auditors; and
- monitoring compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics, including reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our procedures to ensure proper compliance.

Compensation Committee. Our compensation committee consists of our three independent directors, Wenbiao Zhang, Jian Chen, and Phillip Connelly. Mr. Connelly is the chairman of our compensation committee. The compensation committee assists the board in reviewing and approving the compensation structure, including all forms of compensation, relating to our directors and executive officers. Our chief executive officer may not be present at any committee meeting during which his compensation is deliberated. The compensation committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing and approving the total compensation package for our most senior executive officers;
- approving and overseeing the total compensation package for our executives other than the most senior executive officers;
- reviewing and recommending to the board with respect to the compensation of our directors;
- reviewing periodically and approving any long-term incentive compensation or equity plans;
- selecting compensation consultants, legal counsel or other advisors after taking into consideration all factors relevant to that person's independence from management; and
- reviewing programs or similar arrangements, annual bonuses, employee pension, and welfare benefit plans.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our nominating and corporate governance committee consists of our three independent directors, Wenbiao Zhang, Jian Chen, and Phillip Connelly. Mr. Zhang is the chairperson of our nominating and corporate governance committee. The nominating and corporate governance committee assists the board of directors in selecting individuals qualified to become our directors and in determining the composition of the board and its committees. The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for, among other things:

- identifying and recommending nominees for election or re-election to our board of directors or for appointment to fill any vacancy;
- reviewing annually with our board of directors its current composition in light of the characteristics of independence, age, skills, experience and availability of service to us;
- identifying and recommending to our board the directors to serve as members of committees;
- advising the board periodically with respect to significant developments in the law and practice of corporate governance as well as our compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and making recommendations to our board of directors on all matters of corporate governance and on any corrective action to be taken; and
- monitoring compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics, including reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our procedures to ensure proper compliance.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our board of directors has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics applicable to all of our directors, officers, and employees. We will make our code of business conduct and ethics publicly available on our website prior to the initial closing of this offering.

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of our Ordinary Shares as of the date of this prospectus, and as adjusted to reflect the sale of the Ordinary Shares offered in this offering for:

- each of our directors and executive officers who beneficially own our Ordinary Shares; and
- each person known to us to own beneficially more than 5% of our Ordinary Shares.

Beneficial ownership includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities. Except as indicated below, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all Ordinary Shares shown as beneficially owned by them. Percentages of beneficial ownership of each listed person prior to this offering are based on 10,000,000 Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding (reflecting an approximate or rounded 71.62-for-1 forward split of our Ordinary Shares on April 20, 2020) as of the date of this prospectus immediately prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Percentages of beneficial ownership of each listed person after this offering are based on 15,444,444 Ordinary Shares outstanding immediately after the completion of this offering if the Underwriter does not exercise its over-allotment option and 16,194,444 Ordinary Shares outstanding immediately after the completion of this offering if the Underwriter exercises its over-allotment option in full, including 444,444 Ordinary Shares issuable upon the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares.

Information with respect to beneficial ownership has been furnished by each director, officer, or beneficial owner of 5% or more of our Ordinary Shares. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally requires that such person have voting or investment power with respect to securities. In computing the number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by a person listed below and the percentage ownership of such person, Ordinary Shares underlying options, warrants or convertible securities held by each such person that are exercisable or convertible within 60 days of the date of this prospectus are deemed outstanding, but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table, or as required by applicable community property laws, all persons listed have sole voting and investment power for all Ordinary Shares shown as beneficially owned by them. As of the date of the prospectus, we have nine shareholders of record, none of which are located in the United States. We will be required to have at least 300 shareholders at closing to satisfy the Nasdaq Capital Market listing standards.

	Ordinary Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering		Ordinary Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering (Over-allotment option not exercised)		Ordinary Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering (Over-allotment option fully exercised)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Directors and Executive Officers⁽¹⁾:						
Kangbin Zheng	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Ye Ren	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mei Cai	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Phillip Connelly	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Wenbiao Zhang	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Jian Chen	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
All directors and executive officers as a group (six individuals):						
	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
5% Shareholders⁽²⁾:						
Global Clean Energy Limited ⁽³⁾	3,580,969	35.81%	3,580,969	23.19%	3,580,969	22.11%
Elk International Capital Limited ⁽⁴⁾	1,502,002	15.02%	1,502,002	9.73%	1,502,002	9.27%
Sentong Industrial Limited ⁽⁵⁾	1,100,002	11.00%	1,100,002	7.12%	1,100,002	6.79%
Xieying Energy Limited ⁽⁶⁾	1,100,002	11.00%	1,100,002	7.12%	1,100,002	6.79%
Yunda Industrial Limited ⁽⁷⁾	791,967	7.92%	791,967	5.13%	791,967	4.89%
Xinhe Industrial Limited ⁽⁸⁾	572,024	5.72%	572,024	3.70%	572,024	3.53%

Notes:

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each of the individuals is FPI Center Room A-901, No. 459 Qianmo Road, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, the PRC. The business address of Mei Cai is 1179 Vail Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054-1630. The business address of Phillip Connelly is 136 Lord Avenue, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002. The business address of Wenbiao Zhang is No.666 Wusu Street, Linan District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, the PRC. The business address of Jian Chen is 57 Sycamore Lane, Skillman, New Jersey 08558.
- (2) Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of the following shareholders is Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
- (3) The number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 3,580,969 Ordinary Shares held by Global Clean Energy Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Yefang Zhang, our former director and the wife of our former CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors, who has the sole dispositive and investment power over the Ordinary Shares.
- (4) The number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 1,502,002 Ordinary Shares held by Elk International Capital Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Wangfeng Yan, who has the sole dispositive and investment power over the Ordinary Shares.
- (5) The number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 1,100,002 Ordinary Shares held by Sentong Industrial Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Kaiyu Liu, who has the sole dispositive and investment power over the Ordinary Shares.
- (6) The number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 1,100,002 Ordinary Shares held by Xieying Energy Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Yiyue Ye, who has the sole dispositive and investment power over the Ordinary Shares.
- (7) The number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 791,967 Ordinary Shares held by Yunda Industrial Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Jing Wang, who has the sole dispositive and investment power over the Ordinary Shares.
- (8) The number of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 572,024 Ordinary Shares held by Xinhe Industrial Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Jingmin Liu, who has the sole dispositive and investment power over the Ordinary Shares.

History of Share Capital

We were incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018. We have issued the following Ordinary Shares to our founding shareholders:

Purchaser	Date of Issuance	Number of Ordinary Shares
Global Clean Energy Limited	November 23, 2018	50,000
Elk International Capital Limited	August 22, 2019	20,972
Sentong Industry Limited	August 22, 2019	15,359
Xieying Energy Limited	August 22, 2019	15,359
Yunda Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	11,058
Xinhe Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	7,987
Xintai Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	6,604
Spruce International Limited	August 22, 2019	6,144
Xingyou Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	6,144

On April 15, 2020, our shareholders and board of directors approved (i) a forward split of our outstanding Ordinary Shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share, and (ii) the creation of a new class of convertible preferred shares of no par value. On April 16, 2020, we filed our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association with the BVI Registrar to effect such corporate actions, which filing became effective on April 20, 2020. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to Ordinary Shares, options to purchase Ordinary Shares, share data, per share data, and related information have been retroactively adjusted, where applicable, in this prospectus to reflect the forward split of our Ordinary Shares as if it had occurred at the beginning of the earlier period presented.

On April 20, 2020, we issued 195,000 Convertible Preferred Shares to Wei Lian for a consideration of \$702,000 and 305,000 Convertible Preferred Shares to Zhenyan Yu for a consideration of \$1,098,000 pursuant to certain Share Purchase Agreement dated April 3, 2020.

We are authorized to issue an unlimited number of no par value Ordinary Shares and an unlimited number of no par value Convertible Preferred Shares. Holders of Ordinary Shares are entitled to one vote per share and holders of Convertible Preferred Shares are not entitled to vote. We will issue Ordinary Shares in this offering.

As of the date of this prospectus, none of our outstanding Ordinary Shares or Convertible Preferred Shares are held by record holders in the United States.

We are not aware of any arrangement that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of the Company.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Material Transactions With Related Parties

The relationship and the nature of related party transactions are summarized as follow:

Name of Related Party	Relationship to Us	Nature of Transactions
Zhengyu Wang*	Former CEO and Chairman of Board of Directors	Working capital loan
Yefang Zhang**	Former CEO's wife and former Sole Director	Share issuance and working capital loan
Forasen Group Co., Ltd.	Owned by former CEO and Chairman of Board of Directors	Working capital loan

* Zhengyu Wang ceased to be our chief executive officer, chairman of board of directors, and director on June 22, 2020.

** Yefang Zhang ceased to be our director on August 26, 2019.

Share Issuance to Related Parties

On November 23, 2018, we issued 50,000 Ordinary Shares to Global Clean Energy Limited, a business company with limited liability organized under the laws of British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by our then sole director, Yefang Zhang, for a consideration of 35.81% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen in connection with the establishment of CN Energy.

Due from Related Parties

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Zhengyu Wang	\$ -	148,713
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 148,713</u>

We loaned funds to our related parties for business purposes. The balance due from related parties was interest-free and due upon demand. As of April 18, 2019, the balances due from related parties had been fully collected.

Due to Related Parties

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Yefang Zhang	\$ 275,000	\$ -
Forasen Group Co., Ltd.	339,217	-
Total	<u>\$ 614,217</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

As of March 31, 2020, our due to Yefang Zhang and Forasen Group Co., Ltd. was \$308,409 and \$Nil, respectively.

We periodically received loans from our related parties as working capital. The balance due to related parties is interest-free, unsecured, and due upon demand.

Employment Agreements

See "Management—Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers."

DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

The following description of our share capital and provisions of our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association are summaries and do not purport to be complete. Reference is made to our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, forms of which are filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part (and which is referred to in this section as, respectively, the “memorandum” and the “articles”).

We were incorporated as a British Virgin Islands company under the BVI Act in the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018.

Ordinary Shares

All of our issued and outstanding Ordinary Shares are fully paid and non-assessable. Certificates evidencing the shares are issued in registered form. There are no limitations imposed by our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association on the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on our shares. In addition, there are no provisions in our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed. Under the BVI Act, the Ordinary Shares are deemed to be issued when the name of the shareholder is entered in our register of members. If (a) information that is required to be entered in the register of members is omitted from the register or is inaccurately entered in the register, or (b) there is unreasonable delay in entering information in the register, a shareholder of the company, or any person who is aggrieved by the omission, inaccuracy or delay, may apply to the British Virgin Islands Courts for an order that the register be rectified, and the court may either refuse the application or order the rectification of the register, and may direct the company to pay all costs of the application and any damages the applicant may have sustained.

We are authorized to issue an unlimited number of no par value shares. Subject to the provisions of the BVI Act and our articles regarding redemption and purchase of the shares, the directors have general and unconditional authority to allot (with or without confirming rights of renunciation), grant options over or otherwise deal with any unissued shares to such persons, at such times and on such terms and conditions as they may decide. Such authority could be exercised by the directors to allot shares which carry rights and privileges that are preferential to the rights attaching to Ordinary Shares. No share may be issued at a discount except in accordance with the provisions of the BVI Act. The directors may refuse to accept any application for shares, and may accept any application in whole or in part, for any reason or for no reason.

At the completion of this offering and given the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares, there will be 15,444,444 (if the Underwriter’s over-allotment option is not exercised) or 16,194,444 (if the Underwriter’s over-allotment option is fully exercised) Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding held by at least 300 shareholders and beneficial owners which is the minimum requirement by the Nasdaq Capital Market. Ordinary Shares sold in this offering will be delivered against payment from the Underwriter upon the closing of the offering in New York, New York, on or about [●], 2020.

Convertible Preferred Shares

On April 3, 2020, we agreed to issue 500,000 Convertible Preferred Shares to the Preferred Share Investors. The Convertible Preferred Shares have the following characteristics:

Conversion. Upon our register of members being updated at the closing of our initial public offering, all outstanding Convertible Preferred Shares will be converted automatically at a 10% discount to the initial public offering price in this offering.

Voting. Prior to conversion of Convertible Preferred Shares, holders of Convertible Preferred Shares do not have the right to vote as a shareholder, and upon conversion of Convertible Preferred Shares, holders of then Ordinary Shares will have the same voting rights and vote together with the holders of Ordinary Shares, and not as a separate class, except where otherwise required by law.

Ranking. Convertible Preferred Shares, before conversion, are senior to Ordinary Shares with respect to distribution rights upon liquidation.

Dividends. Holders of Convertible Preferred Shares are entitled to an equal share in any dividend paid to the Convertible Preferred Share class.

Listing

We plan to apply to list our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “CNEY.”

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Ordinary Shares is VStock Transfer, LLC, at 18 Lafayette Place, Woodmere, NY 11598.

Distributions

Shareholders holding shares in the Company are entitled to receive such dividends as may be declared by our board of directors subject to the BVI Act and the second amended and restated memorandum and articles.

Shareholders' Voting Rights

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the shareholders must be effected at a duly called meeting of the shareholders entitled to vote on such action or may be effected by a resolution of members in writing, each in accordance with the second amended and restated memorandum and articles. At each meeting of shareholders, each shareholder who is present in person or by proxy (or, in the case of a shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorized representative) will have one vote for each share that such shareholder holds.

Election of Directors (Cumulative Voting Rights)

There is nothing under British Virgin law which specifically prohibits or restrict the creation of cumulative voting rights for the election of our directors. Our second amended and restated memorandum and articles do not provide for cumulative voting for elections of directors.

Meetings of Shareholders

Under our second amended and restated memorandum and articles, a copy of the notice of any meeting of shareholders shall be given not less than seven days before the date of the proposed meeting to those persons whose names appear as shareholders in the register of members on the date of the notice and are entitled to vote at the meeting and our directors. Our board of directors shall call a meeting of shareholders upon the written request of shareholders holding at least 30% of our issued voting shares. In addition, our board of directors may call a meeting of shareholders on its own motion. A meeting of shareholders may be called on short notice if at least 90% of the shares entitled to vote on the matters to be considered at the meeting have agreed to short notice of the meeting, or if all members holding shares entitled to vote on all or any matters to be considered at the meeting have waived notice and presence at the meeting shall be deemed to constitute waiver for this purpose.

At any meeting of shareholders, a quorum will be present if there are shareholders present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-third of the issued shares entitled to vote on the resolutions to be considered at the meeting. Such quorum may be represented by only a single shareholder or proxy. If no quorum is present within two hours of the start time of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved if it was requested by shareholders. In any other case, the meeting shall be adjourned to the next business day, and if shareholders representing not less than one-third of the votes of the Ordinary Shares or each class of shares entitled to vote on the matters to be considered at the meeting are present within one hour of the start time of the adjourned meeting, a quorum will be present. If not, the meeting will be dissolved. No business may be transacted at any meeting of shareholders unless a quorum is present at the commencement of business. If present, the chairperson of our board of directors shall be the chairperson presiding at any meeting of the shareholders. If the chairperson of our board is not present, or there is no such chairperson, then the members present shall choose a shareholder to act to chairperson the meeting of the shareholders. If the shareholders are unable to choose a chairperson for any reason, then the person representing the greatest number of voting shares present in person or by proxy shall preside as chairperson, failing which the oldest individual member or member representative shall take the chair.

A corporation that is a shareholder shall be deemed for the purpose of our amended and restated memorandum and articles to be present in person if represented by its duly authorized representative who has been authorized to do so by resolutions of its directors or other governing body. This duly authorized representative shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were our individual shareholder.

Meetings of Directors

Our business and affairs are managed by our board of directors, who will make decisions by voting on resolutions of directors. Our directors are free to meet at such times and in such manner and places within or outside the British Virgin Islands as the directors determine to be necessary or desirable. A director must be given not less than three business days' notice of a meeting of directors. A meeting of directors may be called on short notice if all of the directors entitled to vote on the matters to be considered at the meeting have waived notice and presence at the meeting shall be deemed to constitute waiver for this purpose (unless that director objects in writing before or at the meeting). At any meeting of directors, a quorum will be present if not less than one-half of the total number of directors is present, unless there are only two directors in which case the quorum is two. An action that may be taken by the directors at a meeting may also be taken by a resolution of directors consented to in writing by a majority of the directors.

Protection of Minority Shareholders and Shareholder Action

The enforcement of our rights will ordinarily be a matter for our directors. However, in certain limited circumstances, a shareholder may have the right to seek certain remedies against us in the event the directors are in breach of their duties under the BVI Act. Pursuant to Section 184B of the BVI Act, if a company or a director of a company engages in, proposes to engage in, or has engaged in, conduct that contravenes the provisions of the BVI Act or the memorandum or articles of association of the company, a BVI court may, on application of a shareholder or a director of the company, make an order directing the company or director to comply with, or restraining the company or director from engaging in conduct that contravenes, the BVI Act or the memorandum or articles. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 184I of the BVI Act, a shareholder of a company who considers that the affairs of the company have been, are being, or are likely to be, conducted in a manner that is, or any acts of the company have been, or are likely to be, oppressive, unfairly discriminatory, or unfairly prejudicial to him in that capacity, may apply to the BVI court for an order which can, if the court considers that it is just and equitable to do so, require the company or any other person to pay compensation to the shareholders (among various other potential orders and remedies). Under Section 184G of the BVI Act, a shareholder of a company may bring an action against the company for breach of a duty owed by the company to him as a shareholder.

Under Section 184C of the BVI Act, a shareholder also may, with the permission of the BVI court, bring an action or intervene in a matter in the name of the company, in certain circumstances. Such actions are known as derivative actions. The BVI court may only grant permission to bring a derivative action where the following circumstances apply: (i) the company does not intend to bring, diligently continue or defend or discontinue proceedings; or (ii) it is in the interests of the company that the conduct of the proceedings not be left to the directors or to the determination of the shareholders as a whole.

When considering whether to grant leave, the BVI court is also required to have regard to the following matters: whether the shareholder is acting in good faith; whether a derivative action is in the interests of the company, taking into account the directors' views on commercial matters; whether the proceedings are likely to succeed; the costs of the proceedings in relation to the relief likely to be obtained; and whether an alternative remedy is available.

Any shareholder of a company may apply to BVI court under the Insolvency Act, 2003 of the BVI for the appointment of a liquidator to liquidate the company and the court may appoint a liquidator for the company if it is of the opinion that it is just and equitable to do so.

Generally any other claims against a BVI company by its shareholders must be based on the general laws of contract or tort applicable in the BVI or their individual rights as shareholders as established by the BVI Act or the company's memorandum and articles of association. There are also common law rights for the protection of shareholders that may be invoked, largely derived from English common law. Under general English company law known as the rule in *Foss v. Harbottle*, a court will generally refuse to interfere with the management of a company at the insistence of a minority of its shareholders who express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the company's affairs by the majority or the board of directors. However, every shareholder is entitled to seek to have the affairs of the company conducted properly according to law and the constituent documents of the corporation. As such, if those who control the company have persistently disregarded the requirements of company law or the provisions of the company's memorandum and articles of association, then the courts may grant relief. Generally, the areas in which the courts may intervene are the following: a company is acting or proposing to act illegally or beyond the scope of its authority; the act complained of, although not beyond the scope of the authority, could only be effected if duly authorized by more than the number of votes which have actually been obtained; the individual rights of the plaintiff shareholder have been infringed or are about to be infringed; or those who control the company are perpetrating a "fraud on the minority."

Pre-Emptive Rights

There are no pre-emptive rights applicable to the issue by us of new shares under our second amended and restated memorandum and articles.

Transfer of Shares

Subject to the restrictions in our second amended and restated memorandum and articles and applicable securities laws, any of our shareholders may transfer all or any of his or her Ordinary Shares by written instrument of transfer signed by the transferor and containing the name and address of the transferee or in any other manner as may be permitted in accordance with applicable exchange rules or requirements of the Nasdaq Capital Market or by any recognized stock exchange on which our securities are listed. Our board of directors may not resolve to refuse or delay the transfer of any Ordinary Share unless the shareholder has failed to pay an amount due in respect of it.

Liquidation

As permitted by the BVI Act and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles, we may be voluntarily liquidated under Part XII of the BVI Act by resolution of directors and resolution of shareholders if our assets exceed our liabilities and we are able to pay our debts as they fall due. We also may be wound up in circumstances where we are insolvent in accordance with the terms of the BVI Insolvency Act, 2003 (as amended).

If we are wound up and the assets available for distribution among our shareholders are more than sufficient to repay all amounts paid to us on account of the issue of shares immediately prior to the winding up, the excess shall be distributable *pari passu* among those shareholders in proportion to the amount paid up immediately prior to the winding up on the shares held by them, respectively. If we are wound up and the assets available for distribution among the shareholders as such are insufficient to repay the whole of the amounts paid to us on account of the issue of shares, those assets shall be distributed so that, to the greatest extent possible, the losses shall be borne by the shareholders in proportion to the amounts paid up immediately prior to the winding up on the shares held by them, respectively. If we are wound up, the liquidator appointed by us may, in accordance with the BVI Act, divide among our shareholders in specie or kind the whole or any part of our assets (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such value as the liquidator deems fair upon any property to be divided and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the shareholders or different classes of shareholders.

Calls on Shares and Forfeiture of Shares

Our board of directors may, on the terms established at the time of the issuance of such shares or as otherwise agreed, make calls upon shareholders for any amounts unpaid on their shares in a notice served to such shareholders at least 14 days prior to the specified time of payment. The shares that have been called upon and remain unpaid are subject to forfeiture.

Redemption of Shares

Subject to the provisions of the BVI Act, we may issue shares on terms that are subject to redemption, at our option or at the option of the holders, on such terms and in such manner as may be determined by our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association and subject to any applicable requirements imposed from time to time by, the BVI Act, the SEC, or by any recognized stock exchange on which our securities are listed.

Variation of Rights of Shares

All or any of the rights attached to any class of shares may, subject to the provisions of the BVI Act, be varied only with the consent in writing of, or pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting by the holders of more than 50% of the issued shares of that class.

Changes in the Number of Shares We Are Authorized to Issue and Those in Issue

Subject to the BVI Act and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles, we may from time to time by resolution of our board of directors or resolution of members (as may be appropriate):

- amend our memorandum to increase or decrease the maximum number of Ordinary Shares we are authorized to issue;
- divide our authorized and issued Ordinary Shares into a larger number of Ordinary Shares;
- combine our authorized and issued Ordinary Shares into a smaller number of Ordinary Shares; and
- create new classes of shares with preference to be determined by resolution of the board of directors to amend the memorandum and articles to create new classes of shares with such preferences at the time of authorization.

Inspection of Books and Records

Under the BVI Act, members of the general public, on payment of a nominal fee, can obtain copies of the public records of a company available at the office of the Registrar of Corporate Affairs which will include the company's certificate of incorporation, its memorandum and articles of association (with any amendments) and records of license fees paid to date and will also disclose any articles of dissolution, articles of merger and a register of charges if the company has elected to file such a register.

Our members are also entitled, upon giving written notice to us, to inspect (i) our memorandum and articles of association, (ii) the register of members, (iii) the register of directors, and (iv) minutes of meetings and resolutions of members and of those classes of members of which that member is a member, and to make copies and take extracts from the documents and records referred to in (i) to (iv) above. However, our directors may, if they are satisfied that it would be contrary to the company's interests to allow a member to inspect any document, or part of a document specified in (ii) to (iv) above, refuse to permit the member to inspect the document or limit the inspection of the document, including limiting the making of copies or the taking of extracts or records. See "*Where You Can Find Additional Information.*" Where a company fails or refuses to permit a member to inspect a document or permits a member to inspect a document subject to limitations, that member may apply to the British Virgin Islands court for an order that he should be permitted to inspect the document or to inspect the document without limitation.

Rights of Non-Resident or Foreign Shareholders

There are no limitations imposed by our second amended and restated memorandum and articles on the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on our shares. In addition, there are no provisions in our second amended and restated memorandum and articles governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.

Issuance of Additional Shares

Our second amended and restated memorandum and articles authorizes our board of directors to issue additional shares from authorized but unissued shares, to the extent available, from time to time as our board of directors shall determine.

Exclusive Jurisdiction of Certain Actions

Our second amended and restated articles provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, unless our board of directors consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the courts of the British Virgin Islands shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine:

- (i) any dispute, suit, action, proceedings, controversy, or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with our memorandum and/or articles, including, without limitation, claims for set-off and counterclaims and any dispute, suit, action, proceedings, controversy, or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with: (x) the creation, validity, effect, interpretation, performance, or non-performance of, or the legal relationships established by, our memorandum and/or articles; or (y) any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with our memorandum and/or articles; or
- (ii) any dispute, suit, action (including, without limitation, any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of or in our name or any application for permissions to bring a derivative action), proceedings, controversy, or claim of any kind relating or connected to us, our board of directors, officers, management, or shareholders arising out of or in connection with the BVI Act, the Insolvency Act, 2003 of the British Virgin Islands as amended from time to time, any other statute, rule, or common law of the British Virgin Islands affecting any relationship between us, our shareholders, and/or our directors and officers (or any of them) or any rights and duties established thereby (including, without limitation, Division 3 of Part VI and Part XI of the Act and section 162(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act, 2003, and fiduciary or other duties owed by any director, officer, or shareholder of the Company to the Company or the Company's shareholders).

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, unless our board of directors consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we note that holders of our Ordinary Shares cannot waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, and Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. As a result, the exclusive jurisdiction provision will not preclude or contract the scope of exclusive federal or concurrent jurisdiction for actions brought under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, or the respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Although we believe this provision benefits us by providing increasing consistency in the application of BVI law in the types of lawsuits to which it applies, the provision may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers or limit investors' ability to bring claims in a judicial forum that they find favorable. See *"Risk Factors—Risks Relating to this Offering and the Trading Market—The exclusive jurisdiction provision in our second amended and restated articles of association may limit our shareholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees."*

Differences in Corporate Law

The BVI Act and the laws of the British Virgin Islands affecting British Virgin Islands companies like us and our shareholders differ from laws applicable to U.S. corporations and their shareholders. Set forth below is a summary of the significant differences between the provisions of the laws of the British Virgin Islands applicable to us and the laws applicable to companies incorporated under the Delaware General Corporation Law in the United States and their shareholders.

Mergers and Similar Arrangements

Under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, two or more companies may merge or consolidate in accordance with Section 170 of the BVI Act. A merger means the merging of two or more constituent companies into one of the constituent companies (the "surviving company") and a consolidation means the uniting of two or more constituent companies into a new company (the "consolidated company"). The procedure for a merger or consolidation between the company and another company (which need not be a British Virgin Islands company, and which may be the company's parent or subsidiary, but need not be) is set out in the BVI Act. In order to merge or consolidate, the directors of each constituent company must approve a written plan of merger or consolidation, which with the exception of a merger between a parent company and its subsidiary, must also be approved by a resolution of a majority of the shareholders voting at a quorate meeting of shareholders or by written resolution of the shareholders of the British Virgin Islands company or British Virgin Islands companies which are to merge. While a director may vote on the plan of merger or consolidation, or any other matter, even if he has a financial interest in the plan, the interested director must disclose the interest to all other directors of the company promptly upon becoming aware of the fact that he is interested in a transaction entered into or to be entered into by the company. A transaction entered into by our company in respect of which a director is interested (including a merger or consolidation) is voidable by us unless the director's interest was (a) disclosed to the board prior to the transaction or (b) the transaction is (i) between the director and the company and (ii) the transaction is in the ordinary course of the company's business and on usual terms and conditions. Notwithstanding the above, a transaction entered into by the company is not voidable if the material facts of the interest are known to the shareholders and they approve or ratify it or the company received fair value for the transaction. In any event, all shareholders must be given a copy of the plan of merger or consolidation irrespective of whether they are entitled to vote at the meeting to approve the plan of merger or consolidation. A foreign company which is able under the laws of its foreign jurisdiction to participate in the merger or consolidation is required by the BVI Act to comply with the laws of that foreign jurisdiction in relation to the merger or consolidation. The shareholders of the constituent companies are not required to receive shares of the surviving or consolidated company but may receive debt obligations or other securities of the surviving or consolidated company, other assets, or a combination thereof. Further, some or all of the shares of a class or series may be converted into a kind of asset while the other shares of the same class or series may receive a different kind of asset. As such, not all the shares of a class or series must receive the same kind of consideration. After the plan of merger or consolidation has been approved by the directors and authorized, if required, by a resolution of the shareholders, articles of merger or consolidation are executed by each company and filed with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs in the British Virgin Islands. The merger is effective on the date that the articles of merger are registered with the Registrar or on such subsequent date, not exceeding thirty days, as is stated in the articles of merger or consolidation.

As soon as a merger becomes effective: (a) the surviving company or consolidated company (so far as is consistent with its memorandum and articles of association, as amended or established by the articles of merger or consolidation) has all rights, privileges, immunities, powers, objects and purposes of each of the constituent companies; (b) in the case of a merger, the memorandum and articles of association of any surviving company are automatically amended to the extent, if any, that changes to its memorandum and articles of association are contained in the articles of merger or, in the case of a consolidation, the memorandum and articles of association filed with the articles of consolidation are the memorandum and articles of the consolidated company; (c) assets of every description, including choses-in-action and the business of each of the constituent companies, immediately vest in the surviving company or consolidated company; (d) the surviving company or consolidated company is liable for all claims, debts, liabilities and obligations of each of the constituent companies; (e) no conviction, judgment, ruling, order, claim, debt, liability or obligation due or to become due, and no cause existing, against a constituent company or against any member, director, officer or agent thereof, is released or impaired by the merger or consolidation; and (f) no proceedings, whether civil or criminal, pending at the time of a merger by or against a constituent company, or against any member, director, officer or agent thereof, are abated or discontinued by the merger or consolidation; but: (i) the proceedings may be enforced, prosecuted, settled or compromised by or against the surviving company or consolidated company or against the member, director, officer or agent thereof; as the case may be; or (ii) the surviving company or consolidated company may be substituted in the proceedings for a constituent company. The Registrar of Corporate Affairs shall strike off the register of companies each constituent company that is not the surviving company in the case of a merger and all constituent companies in the case of a consolidation. If the directors determine it to be in the best interests of the company, it is also possible for a merger to be approved as a Court approved plan of arrangement or scheme of arrangement in accordance with the BVI Act.

A shareholder may dissent from (a) a merger if the company is a constituent company, unless the company is the surviving company and the member continues to hold the same or similar shares; (b) a consolidation if the company is a constituent company; (c) any sale, transfer, lease, exchange or other disposition of more than 50 per cent in value of the assets or business of the company if not made in the usual or regular course of the business carried on by the company but not including: (i) a disposition pursuant to an order of the court having jurisdiction in the matter, (ii) a disposition for money on terms requiring all or substantially all net proceeds to be distributed to the members in accordance with their respective interest within one year after the date of disposition, or (iii) a transfer pursuant to the power of the directors to transfer assets for the protection thereof; (d) a compulsory redemption of 10 per cent, or fewer of the issued shares of the company required by the holders of 90 percent, or more of the shares of the company pursuant to the terms of the BVI Act; and (e) a plan of arrangement, if permitted by the British Virgin Islands Court (each, an Action). A shareholder properly exercising his dissent rights is entitled to a cash payment equal to the fair value of his shares.

A shareholder dissenting from an Action must object in writing to the Action before the vote by the shareholders on the merger or consolidation, unless notice of the meeting was not given to the shareholder. If the merger or consolidation is approved by the shareholders, the company must give notice of this fact to each shareholder within 20 days who gave written objection. Such objection shall include a statement that the members proposes to demand payment for his or her shares if the Action is taken. These shareholders then have 20 days to give to the company their written election in the form specified by the BVI Act to dissent from the Action, provided that in the case of a merger, the 20 days starts when the plan of merger is delivered to the shareholder. Upon giving notice of his election to dissent, a shareholder ceases to have any shareholder rights except the right to be paid the fair value of his shares. As such, the merger or consolidation may proceed in the ordinary course notwithstanding his dissent. Within seven days of the later of the delivery of the notice of election to dissent and the effective date of the merger or consolidation, the company shall make a written offer to each dissenting shareholder to purchase his shares at a specified price per share that the company determines to be the fair value of the shares. The company and the shareholder then have 30 days to agree upon the price. If the company and a shareholder fail to agree on the price within the 30 days, then the company and the shareholder shall, within 20 days immediately following the expiration of the 30-day period, each designate an appraiser and these two appraisers shall designate a third appraiser. These three appraisers shall fix the fair value of the shares as of the close of business on the day prior to the shareholders' approval of the transaction without taking into account any change in value as a result of the transaction.

Shareholders' Suits

There are both statutory and common law remedies available to our shareholders as a matter of British Virgin Islands Law. These are summarized below:

Prejudiced Members

A shareholder who considers that the affairs of the company have been, are being, or are likely to be, conducted in a manner that is, or any act or acts of the company have been, or are, likely to be oppressive, unfairly discriminatory or unfairly prejudicial to him in that capacity, can apply to the court under Section 184I of the BVI Act, inter alia, for an order that his shares be acquired, that he be provided compensation, that the Court regulate the future conduct of the company, or that any decision of the company which contravenes the BVI Act or our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association be set aside.

Derivative Actions

Section 184C of the BVI Act provides that a shareholder of a company may, with the leave of the Court, bring an action in the name of the company in certain circumstances to redress any wrong done to it. Such actions are known as derivative actions. The British Virgin Islands Court may only grant permission to bring a derivative action where the following circumstances apply:

- the company does not intend to bring, diligently continue or defend or discontinue proceedings; and
- it is in the interests of the company that the conduct of the proceedings not be left to the directors or to the determination of the shareholders as a whole.

When considering whether to grant leave, the British Virgin Islands Court is also required to have regard to the following matters:

- whether the shareholder is acting in good faith;
- whether a derivative action is in the company's best interests, taking into account the directors' views on commercial matters;
- whether the action is likely to proceed;
- the cost of the proceedings; and
- whether an alternative remedy is available.

Just and Equitable Winding Up

In addition to the statutory remedies outlined above, shareholders can also petition the British Virgin Islands Court for the winding up of a company under the BVI Insolvency Act, 2003 (as amended) for the appointment of a liquidator to liquidate the company and the court may appoint a liquidator for the company if it is of the opinion that it is just and equitable for the court to so order. Save in exceptional circumstances, this remedy is generally only available where the company has been operated as a quasi-partnership and trust and confidence between the partners has broken down.

Indemnification of Directors and Executive Officers and Limitation of Liability

Our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association provide that, subject to certain limitations, we indemnify against all expenses, including legal fees, and against all judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably incurred in connection with legal, administrative or investigative proceedings for any person who:

- is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the person is or was our director; or
- is or was, at our request, serving as a director or officer of, or in any other capacity is or was acting for, another body corporate or a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

These indemnities only apply if the person acted honestly and in good faith with a view to our best interests and, in the case of criminal proceedings, the person had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. The decision of the directors as to whether the person acted honestly and in good faith and with a view to the best interests of the company and as to whether the person had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful and is, in the absence of fraud, sufficient for the purposes of the memorandum and articles of association, unless a question of law is involved. The termination of any proceedings by any judgment, order, settlement, conviction or the entering of a nolle prosequi does not, by itself, create a presumption that the person did not act honestly and in good faith and with a view to the best interests of the company or that the person had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

This standard of conduct is generally the same as permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law for a Delaware corporation. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers or persons controlling us under the foregoing provisions, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Anti-Takeover Provisions in Our Second Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles

Some provisions of our second amended and restated articles of association may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable. Under the BVI Act there are no provisions, which specifically prevent the issuance of preferred shares or any such other “poison pill” measures. Our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association also do not contain any express prohibitions on the issuance of any preferred shares. Therefore, the directors without the approval of the holders of ordinary shares may issue preferred shares that have characteristics that may be deemed to be anti-takeover. Additionally, such a designation of shares may be used in connection with plans that are poison pill plans. However, under British Virgin Islands law, our directors in the exercise of their powers granted to them under our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association and performance of their duties, are required to act honestly and in good faith in what the director believes to be in the best interests of our company.

Directors’ Fiduciary Duties

Under Delaware corporate law, a director of a Delaware corporation has a fiduciary duty to the corporation and its shareholders. This duty has two components: the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. The duty of care requires that a director act in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances. Under this duty, a director must inform himself of, and disclose to shareholders, all material information reasonably available regarding a significant transaction.

The duty of loyalty requires that a director act in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation. He must not use his corporate position for personal gain or advantage. This duty prohibits self-dealing by a director and mandates that the best interest of the corporation and its shareholders take precedence over any interest possessed by a director, officer or controlling shareholder and not shared by the shareholders generally. In general, actions of a director are presumed to have been made on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the corporation. However, this presumption may be rebutted by evidence of a breach of one of the fiduciary duties. Should such evidence be presented concerning a transaction by a director, a director must prove the procedural fairness of the transaction and that the transaction was of fair value to the corporation.

Under British Virgin Islands law, our directors owe fiduciary duties both at common law and under statute including, among others, a statutory duty to act honestly, in good faith, for a proper purpose and with a view to what the directors believe to be in the best interests of the company. Our directors are also required, when exercising powers or performing duties as a director, to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonable director would exercise in comparable circumstances, taking into account without limitation, the nature of the company, the nature of the decision and the position of the director and the nature of the responsibilities undertaken. In the exercise of their powers, our directors must ensure neither they nor the company acts in a manner which contravenes the BVI Act or our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association. A shareholder has the right to seek damages for breaches of duties owed to us by our directors.

Pursuant to the BVI Act and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles, a director of a company who has an interest in a transaction and who has declared such interest to the other directors, may:

- (a) vote on a matter relating to the transaction;
- (b) attend a meeting of directors at which a matter relating to the transaction arises and be included among the directors present at the meeting for the purposes of a quorum; and
- (c) sign a document on behalf of the Company, or do any other thing in his capacity as a director, that relates to the transaction.

In certain limited circumstances, a shareholder has the right to seek various remedies against the company in the event the directors are in breach of their duties under the BVI Act. Pursuant to Section 184B of the BVI Act, if a company or director of a company engages in, or proposes to engage in or has engaged in, conduct that contravenes the provisions of the BVI Act or the memorandum or articles of association of the company, the British Virgin Islands Court may, on application of a shareholder or director of the company, make an order directing the company or director to comply with, or restraining the company or director from engaging in conduct that contravenes the BVI Act or the memorandum or articles. Furthermore, pursuant to section 184I(1) of the BVI Act a shareholder of a company who considers that the affairs of the company have been, are being or likely to be, conducted in a manner that is, or any acts of the company have been, or are likely to be oppressive, unfairly discriminatory, or unfairly prejudicial to him in that capacity, may apply to the British Virgin Islands Court for an order which, inter alia, can require the company or any other person to pay compensation to the shareholders.

Shareholder Action by Written Consent

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may eliminate the right of shareholders to act by written consent by amendment to its certificate of incorporation. British Virgin Islands law provides that, subject to the memorandum and articles of association of a company, an action that may be taken by members of the company at a meeting may also be taken by a resolution of members consented to in writing.

Shareholder Proposals

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a shareholder has the right to put any proposal before the annual meeting of shareholders, provided it complies with the notice provisions in the governing documents. A special meeting may be called by the board of directors or any other person authorized to do so in the governing documents, but shareholders may be precluded from calling special meetings. British Virgin Islands law and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association allow our shareholders holding 30% or more of the votes of the outstanding voting shares to requisition a shareholders' meeting. There is no requirement under British Virgin Islands law to hold shareholders' annual general meetings, but our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association do permit the directors to call such a meeting. The location of any shareholders' meeting can be determined by the board of directors and can be held anywhere in the world.

Cumulative Voting

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, cumulative voting for elections of directors is not permitted unless the corporation's certificate of incorporation specifically provides for it. Cumulative voting potentially facilitates the representation of minority shareholders on a board of directors since it permits the minority shareholder to cast all the votes to which the shareholder is entitled on a single director, which increases the shareholder's voting power with respect to electing such director. As permitted under the British Virgin Islands law, our second amended and restated memorandum and articles do not provide for cumulative voting. As a result, our shareholders are not afforded any less protections or rights on this issue than shareholders of a Delaware corporation.

Removal of Directors

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a director of a corporation with a classified board may be removed only for cause with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, directors can be removed from office, with or without cause, by a resolution of shareholders. Directors can also be removed by a resolution of directors passed at a meeting of directors called for the purpose of removing the director or for purposes including the removal of the director.

Transactions With Interested Shareholders

The Delaware General Corporation Law contains a business combination statute applicable to Delaware public corporations whereby, unless the corporation has specifically elected not to be governed by such statute by amendment to its certificate of incorporation, it is prohibited from engaging in certain business combinations with an "interested shareholder" for three years following the date that such person becomes an interested shareholder. An interested shareholder generally is a person or group who or which owns or owned 15% or more of the target's outstanding voting shares within the past three years. This has the effect of limiting the ability of a potential acquirer to make a two-tiered bid for the target in which all shareholders would not be treated equally. The statute does not apply if, among other things, prior to the date on which such shareholder becomes an interested shareholder, the board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the person becoming an interested shareholder. This encourages any potential acquirer of a Delaware public corporation to negotiate the terms of any acquisition transaction with the target's board of directors. British Virgin Islands law has no comparable statute and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association fails to expressly provide for the same protection afforded by the Delaware business combination statute.

Dissolution; Winding Up

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, unless the board of directors approves the proposal to dissolve, dissolution must be approved by shareholders holding 100% of the total voting power of the corporation. Only if the dissolution is initiated by the board of directors may it be approved by a simple majority of the corporation's outstanding shares. Delaware law allows a Delaware corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a supermajority voting requirement in connection with dissolutions initiated by the board. Under the BVI Act and our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, we may appoint a voluntary liquidator by a resolution of the shareholders or directors, provided that the directors have made a declaration of solvency that the company is able to discharge its debts as they fall due and that the value of the company's assets exceed its liabilities.

Variation of Rights of Shares

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may vary the rights of a class of shares with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, if at any time our shares are divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class may only be varied, whether or not our company is in liquidation, with the consent in writing of or by a resolution passed at a meeting by a majority of the votes cast by those entitled to vote at a meeting of the holders of the issued shares in that class. For these purposes the creation, designation or issue of preferred shares with rights and privileges ranking in priority to an existing class of shares is deemed not to be a variation of the rights of such existing class and may in accordance with our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association be effected by resolution of directors without shareholder approval.

Amendment of Governing Documents

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation's governing documents may be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. As permitted by British Virgin Islands law, our second amended memorandum and articles of association may be amended by a special majority (meaning a two thirds majority) resolution of shareholders and, subject to certain exceptions, by a special majority (meaning a two thirds majority) resolution of directors. An amendment is effective from the date it is registered at the Registry of Corporate Affairs in the British Virgin Islands.

Anti-Money Laundering Laws

In order to comply with legislation or regulations aimed at the prevention of money laundering we are required to adopt and maintain anti-money laundering procedures, and may require subscribers to provide evidence to verify their identity. Where permitted, and subject to certain conditions, we also may delegate the maintenance of our anti-money laundering procedures (including the acquisition of due diligence information) to a suitable person.

We reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of a subscriber. In the event of delay or failure on the part of the subscriber in producing any information required for verification purposes, we may refuse to accept the application, in which case any funds received will be returned without interest to the account from which they were originally debited.

If any person resident in the British Virgin Islands knows or suspects that another person is engaged in money laundering or terrorist financing and the information for that knowledge or suspicion came to their attention in the course of their business the person will be required to report his belief or suspicion to the Financial Investigation Agency of the British Virgin Islands, pursuant to the Proceeds of Criminal Conduct Act 1997 (as amended). Such a report shall not be treated as a breach of confidence or of any restriction upon the disclosure of information imposed by any enactment or otherwise.

SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

Before our initial public offering, there has not been a public market for our Ordinary Shares, and although we expect to make an application for the Ordinary Shares to be listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market, a regular trading market for our Ordinary Shares may not develop. Future sales of substantial amounts of shares of our Ordinary Shares in the public market after our initial public offering, or the possibility of these sales occurring, could cause the prevailing market price for our Ordinary Shares to fall or impair our ability to raise equity capital in the future. Upon completion of this offering and the automatic conversion of the Preferred Shares, we will have outstanding Ordinary Shares held by public shareholders representing approximately 32.26% of our Ordinary Shares if the Underwriter does not exercise its over-allotment option, and approximately 35.38% of our Ordinary Shares if the Underwriter exercises its over-allotment option in full. All of the Ordinary Shares sold in this offering will be freely transferable by persons other than our “affiliates” without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act.

Lock-Up Agreements

We have agreed not to, for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this registration statement, offer, issue, sell, contract to sell, encumber, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of, except in this offering, any of our ordinary shares or securities that are substantially similar to our ordinary shares, including but not limited to any options or warrants to purchase our ordinary shares, or any securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, our ordinary shares or any such substantially similar securities (other than pursuant to employee stock option plans existing on, or upon the conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities outstanding as of, the date such lock-up agreement was executed), without the prior written consent of the Underwriter.

Furthermore, each of our directors, executive officers, and all other shareholders of our ordinary shares has also entered into a similar lock-up agreement for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this registration statement, subject to certain exceptions, with respect to our ordinary shares and securities that are substantially similar to our ordinary shares. These parties collectively own all of our outstanding ordinary shares, without giving effect to this offering.

Other than this offering, we are not aware of any plans by any significant shareholders to dispose of significant numbers of our ordinary shares. However, one or more existing shareholders or owners of securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for our ordinary shares may dispose of significant numbers of our ordinary shares in the future. We cannot predict what effect, if any, future sales of our ordinary shares, or the availability of ordinary shares for future sale, will have on the trading price of our ordinary shares from time to time. Sales of substantial amounts of our ordinary shares in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could adversely affect the trading price of our ordinary shares.

Rule 144

All of our Ordinary Shares outstanding prior to this offering are “restricted securities” as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act and may be sold publicly in the United States only if they are subject to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirement such as those provided by Rule 144 and Rule 701 promulgated under the Securities Act.

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, beginning 90 days after the date of this prospectus, a person who is not deemed to have been our affiliate at any time during the three months preceding a sale and who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for more than six months would be entitled to sell an unlimited number of those shares, subject only to the availability of current public information about us. A non-affiliate who has beneficially owned restricted securities for at least one year from the later of the date these shares were acquired from us or from our affiliate would be entitled to freely sell those shares.

A person who is deemed to be an affiliate of ours and who has beneficially owned “restricted securities” for at least six months would be entitled to sell, within any three-month period, a number of shares that is not more than the greater of:

- 1% of the number of Ordinary Shares then outstanding, in the form of Ordinary Shares or otherwise, which will equal approximately 15,444,444 shares immediately after this offering if the Underwriter does not exercise its over-allotment option, and approximately 16,194,444 shares immediately after this offering if the Underwriter exercises its over-allotment option in full; or
- the average weekly trading volume of the Ordinary Shares on the national securities exchange on which our Ordinary Shares are trading during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to such sale.

Sales under Rule 144 by our affiliates or persons selling shares on behalf of our affiliates are also subject to certain manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us.

Rule 701

In general, under Rule 701 of the Securities Act as currently in effect, each of our employees, consultants, or advisors who purchases our Ordinary Shares from us in connection with a compensatory stock plan or other written agreement executed prior to the completion of this offering is eligible to resell those Ordinary Shares in reliance on Rule 144, but without compliance with some of the restrictions, including the holding period, contained in Rule 144. However, the Rule 701 shares would remain subject to lock-up arrangements and would only become eligible for sale when the lock-up period expires.

Regulation S

Regulation S provides generally that sales made in offshore transactions are not subject to the registration or prospectus-delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

TAXATION

The following discussion of material British Virgin Islands, PRC, and United States federal income tax consequences of an investment in our ordinary shares is based upon laws and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as of the date of this prospectus, all of which are subject to change. This discussion does not deal with all possible tax consequences relating to an investment in our Ordinary Shares, such as the tax consequences under state, local, and other tax laws. To the extent that the discussion relates to matters of British Virgin Islands tax law, it represents the opinion of Carey Olsen, our British Virgin Islands counsel. To the extent that the discussion relates to matters of PRC tax law, it represents the opinion of GFE, our PRC counsel. To the extent the discussion relates to the matters of U.S. tax law, it represents the opinion of Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC.

WE URGE POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF OUR ORDINARY SHARES TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS CONCERNING THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND NON-U.S. TAX CONSEQUENCES OF PURCHASING, OWNING AND DISPOSING OF OUR ORDINARY SHARES.

People's Republic of China Taxation

We are a holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and we gain substantial income by way of dividends paid to us from our PRC subsidiaries. The EIT Law and its implementation rules provide that PRC-sourced income of foreign enterprises, such as dividends paid by a PRC subsidiary to its equity holders that are non-resident enterprises, will normally be subject to PRC withholding tax at a rate of 10%, unless any such foreign investor's jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with China that provides for a preferential tax rate or a tax exemption.

Under the EIT Law, an enterprise established outside of China with a "de facto management body" within China is considered a "resident enterprise," which means that it is treated in a manner similar to a PRC domestic enterprise for enterprise income tax purposes. Although the implementation rules of the EIT Law define "de facto management body" as a managing body that actually, comprehensively manage and control the production and operation, staff, accounting, property and other aspects of an enterprise, the only official guidance for this definition currently available is set forth in SAT Circular 82, which provides guidance on the determination of the tax residence status of a PRC-controlled offshore incorporated enterprise, defined as an enterprise that is incorporated under the laws of a foreign country or territory and that has a PRC enterprise or enterprise group as its primary controlling shareholder. Although CN Energy does not have a PRC enterprise or enterprise group as our primary controlling shareholder and is therefore not a PRC-controlled offshore incorporated enterprise within the meaning of SAT Circular 82, in the absence of guidance specifically applicable to us, we have applied the guidance set forth in SAT Circular 82 to evaluate the tax residence status of CN Energy and its subsidiaries organized outside of China.

According to SAT Circular 82, a PRC-controlled offshore incorporated enterprise will be regarded as a PRC tax resident by virtue of having a "de facto management body" in China and will be subject to PRC enterprise income tax on its worldwide income only if all of the following criteria are met: (i) the places where senior management and senior management departments that are responsible for daily production, operation and management of the enterprise perform their duties are mainly located within the territory of China; (ii) financial decisions (such as money borrowing, lending, financing and financial risk management) and personnel decisions (such as appointment, dismissal and salary and wages) are decided or need to be decided by organizations or persons located within the territory of China; (iii) main property, accounting books, corporate seal, the board of directors and files of the minutes of shareholders' meetings of the enterprise are located or preserved within the territory of China; and (iv) one half (or more) of the directors or senior management staff having the right to vote habitually reside within the territory of China.

We believe that we do not meet some of the conditions outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph. For example, the key assets and records of CN Energy, including the resolutions and meeting minutes of our board of directors and the resolutions and meeting minutes of our shareholders, are located and maintained outside China, same as of Energy Holdings. In addition, we are not aware of any offshore holding companies with a corporate structure similar to ours that has been deemed a PRC "resident enterprise" by the PRC tax authorities. Accordingly, we believe that CN Energy and its offshore subsidiary should not be treated as a "resident enterprise" for PRC tax purposes if the criteria for "de facto management body" as set forth in SAT Circular 82 were deemed applicable to us. As the tax residency status of an enterprise is subject to determination by the PRC tax authorities and uncertainties remain with respect to the interpretation of the term "de facto management body" as applicable to our offshore entities, however, we will continue to monitor our tax status.

If the PRC tax authorities determine that CN Energy is a PRC resident enterprise for enterprise income tax purposes, we may be required to withhold a 10% withholding tax from any dividends we pay to our shareholders that are non-resident enterprises. In addition, non-resident enterprise shareholders may be subject to a 10% PRC withholding tax on gains realized on the sale or other disposition of our Ordinary Shares, if such income is treated as sourced from within the PRC. It is unclear whether our non-PRC individual shareholders would be subject to any PRC tax on dividends or gains obtained by such non-PRC individual shareholders in the event we are determined to be a PRC resident enterprise. If any PRC tax were to apply to dividends or gains realized by non-PRC individuals, it would generally apply at a rate of 20% unless a reduced rate is available under an applicable tax treaty. It is also unclear, however, whether non-PRC shareholders of the Company would be able to claim the benefits of any tax treaties between their country of tax residence and the PRC in the event that the Company is treated as a PRC resident enterprise. There is no guidance from the PRC government to indicate whether or not any tax treaties between the PRC and other countries would apply in circumstances where a non-PRC company was deemed to be a PRC tax resident, and thus there is no basis for expecting how tax treaty between the PRC and other countries may impact non-resident enterprises. See *“Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Doing Business in the PRC—Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the ‘EIT Law,’ we may be classified as a ‘resident enterprise’ of China, which could result in unfavorable tax consequences to us and our non-PRC shareholders.”*

Provided that CN Energy is not deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise, holders of our Ordinary Shares who are not PRC residents will not be subject to PRC income tax on dividends distributed by us or gains realized from the sale or other disposition of our shares. However, under SAT Bulletin 7, where a non-resident enterprise conducts an “indirect transfer” by transferring taxable assets, including, in particular, equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, indirectly by disposing of the equity interests of an overseas holding company, the non-resident enterprise, being the transferor, or the transferee or the PRC entity which directly owned such taxable assets may report to the relevant tax authority such indirect transfer. Using a “substance over form” principle, the PRC tax authority may disregard the existence of the overseas holding company if it lacks a reasonable commercial purpose and was established for the purpose of reducing, avoiding, or deferring PRC tax. As a result, gains derived from such indirect transfer may be subject to PRC enterprise income tax, and the transferee or other person who is obligated to pay for the transfer is obligated to withhold the applicable taxes, currently at a rate of 10% for the transfer of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise. We and our non-PRC resident investors may be at risk of being required to file a return and being taxed under SAT Bulletin 7, and we may be required to expend valuable resources to comply with SAT Bulletin 7, or to establish that we should not be taxed under this Bulletin. See *“Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—We face uncertainty with respect to indirect transfers of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises by their non-PRC holding companies.”*

Hong Kong Taxation

Entities incorporated in Hong Kong are subject to profits tax in Hong Kong at the rate of 16.5% for the six months ended March 31, 2020, and each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018.

British Virgin Islands Taxation

The British Virgin Islands currently levies no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciation and there is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty. There are no other taxes likely to be material to the Company levied by the Government of the British Virgin Islands except for stamp duties which may be applicable on instruments executed in, or after execution brought within the jurisdiction of the British Virgin Islands. No stamp duty is payable in the British Virgin Islands on the issue of shares by, or any transfers of shares of, British Virgin Islands companies (except those which hold interests in land in the British Virgin Islands). The British Virgin Islands is not party to any double tax treaties that are applicable to any payments made to or by the Company. There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the British Virgin Islands.

Payments of dividends and capital in respect of our Ordinary Shares will not be subject to taxation in the British Virgin Islands and no withholding will be required on the payment of a dividend or capital to any holder of our Ordinary Shares, as the case may be, nor will gains derived from the disposal of our Ordinary Shares be subject to British Virgin Islands income or corporation tax.

United States Federal Income Taxation

The following does not address the tax consequences to any particular investor or to persons in special tax situations such as:

- banks;
- financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- broker-dealers;
- persons that elect to mark their securities to market;
- U.S. expatriates or former long-term residents of the U.S.;
- governments or agencies or instrumentalities thereof;
- tax-exempt entities;
- persons liable for alternative minimum tax;
- persons holding our Ordinary Shares as part of a straddle, hedging, conversion or integrated transaction;
- persons that actually or constructively own 10% or more of our voting power or value (including by reason of owning our Ordinary Shares);
- persons who acquired our Ordinary Shares pursuant to the exercise of any employee share option or otherwise as compensation;
- persons holding our Ordinary Shares through partnerships or other pass-through entities;
- beneficiaries of a Trust holding our Ordinary Shares; or
- persons holding our Ordinary Shares through a Trust.

The discussion set forth below is addressed only to U.S. Holders that purchase Ordinary Shares in this offering. Prospective purchasers are urged to consult their own tax advisors about the application of the U.S. federal income tax rules to their particular circumstances as well as the state, local, foreign and other tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our Ordinary Shares.

Material Tax Consequences Applicable to U.S. Holders of Our Ordinary Shares

The following sets forth the material U.S. federal income tax consequences related to the ownership and disposition of our Ordinary Shares. It is directed to U.S. Holders (as defined below) of our Ordinary Shares and is based upon laws and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as of the date of this prospectus, all of which are subject to change. This description does not deal with all possible tax consequences relating to ownership and disposition of our Ordinary Shares or U.S. tax laws, other than the U.S. federal income tax laws, such as the tax consequences under non-U.S. tax laws, state, local and other tax laws.

The following brief description applies only to U.S. Holders (defined below) that hold Ordinary Shares as capital assets and that have the U.S. dollar as their functional currency. This brief description is based on the federal income tax laws of the United States in effect as of the date of this prospectus and on U.S. Treasury regulations in effect or, in some cases, proposed, as of the date of this prospectus, as well as judicial and administrative interpretations thereof available on or before such date. All of the foregoing authorities are subject to change, which change could apply retroactively and could affect the tax consequences described below.

The brief description below of the U.S. federal income tax consequences to “U.S. Holders” will apply to you if you are a beneficial owner of Ordinary Shares and you are, for U.S. federal income tax purposes,

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust that (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and the control of one or more U.S. persons for all substantial decisions or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

Taxation of Dividends and Other Distributions on Our Ordinary Shares

Subject to the PFIC (defined below) rules discussed below, the gross amount of distributions made by us to you with respect to the Ordinary Shares (including the amount of any taxes withheld therefrom) will generally be includable in your gross income as dividend income on the date of receipt by you, but only to the extent that the distribution is paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). With respect to corporate U.S. Holders, the dividends will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction allowed to corporations in respect of dividends received from other U.S. corporations.

With respect to non-corporate U.S. Holders, including individual U.S. Holders, dividends will be taxed at the lower capital gains rate applicable to qualified dividend income, provided that (1) the Ordinary Shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States, or we are eligible for the benefits of an approved qualifying income tax treaty with the United States that includes an exchange of information program, (2) we are not a PFIC (defined below) for either our taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year, and (3) certain holding period requirements are met. Because there is no income tax treaty between the United States and the British Virgin Islands, clause (1) above can be satisfied only if the Ordinary Shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. Under U.S. Internal Revenue Service authority, Ordinary Shares are considered for purpose of clause (1) above to be readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States if they are listed on certain exchanges, which presently includes the NYSE and the Nasdaq Stock Market. You are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the availability of the lower rate for dividends paid with respect to our Ordinary Shares, including the effects of any change in law after the date of this prospectus.

Dividends will constitute foreign source income for foreign tax credit limitation purposes. If the dividends are taxed as qualified dividend income (as discussed above), the amount of the dividend taken into account for purposes of calculating the foreign tax credit limitation will be limited to the gross amount of the dividend, multiplied by the reduced rate divided by the highest rate of tax normally applicable to dividends. The limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. For this purpose, dividends distributed by us with respect to our Ordinary Shares will constitute “passive category income” but could, in the case of certain U.S. Holders, constitute “general category income.”

To the extent that the amount of the distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles), it will be treated first as a tax-free return of your tax basis in your Ordinary Shares, and to the extent the amount of the distribution exceeds your tax basis, the excess will be taxed as capital gain. We do not intend to calculate our earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles. Therefore, a U.S. Holder should expect that a distribution will be treated as a dividend even if that distribution would otherwise be treated as a non-taxable return of capital or as capital gain under the rules described above.

Taxation of Dispositions of Ordinary Shares

Subject to the passive foreign investment company rules discussed below, you will recognize taxable gain or loss on any sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of a share equal to the difference between the amount realized (in U.S. dollars) for the share and your tax basis (in U.S. dollars) in the Ordinary Shares. The gain or loss will be capital gain or loss. If you are a non-corporate U.S. Holder, including an individual U.S. Holder, who has held the Ordinary Shares for more than one year, you will generally be eligible for reduced tax rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Any such gain or loss that you recognize will generally be treated as United States source income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes which will generally limit the availability of foreign tax credits.

Passive Foreign Investment Company (“PFIC”)

A non-U.S. corporation is considered a PFIC, as defined in Section 1297(a) of the US Internal Revenue Code, for any taxable year if either:

- at least 75% of its gross income for such taxable year is passive income; or
- at least 50% of the value of its assets (based on an average of the quarterly values of the assets during a taxable year) is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income (the “asset test”).

Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, rents and royalties (other than rents or royalties derived from the active conduct of a trade or business) and gains from the disposition of passive assets. We will be treated as owning our proportionate share of the assets and earning our proportionate share of the income of any other corporation in which we own, directly or indirectly, at least 25% (by value) of the stock. In determining the value and composition of our assets for purposes of the PFIC asset test, (1) the cash we raise in this offering will generally be considered to be held for the production of passive income and (2) the value of our assets must be determined based on the market value of our Ordinary Shares from time to time, which could cause the value of our non-passive assets to be less than 50% of the value of all of our assets (including the cash raised in this offering) on any particular quarterly testing date for purposes of the asset test.

Based on our operations and the composition of our assets we do not expect to be treated as a PFIC under the current PFIC rules. We must make a separate determination each year as to whether we are a PFIC, however, and there can be no assurance with respect to our status as a PFIC for our current taxable year or any future taxable year. Depending on the amount of cash we raise in this offering, together with any other assets held for the production of passive income, it is possible that, for our current taxable year or for any subsequent taxable year, more than 50% of our assets may be assets held for the production of passive income. We will make this determination following the end of any particular tax year. In addition, because the value of our assets for purposes of the asset test will generally be determined based on the market price of our Ordinary Shares and because cash is generally considered to be an asset held for the production of passive income, our PFIC status will depend in large part on the market price of our Ordinary Shares and the amount of cash we raise in this offering. Accordingly, fluctuations in the market price of the Ordinary Shares may cause us to become a PFIC. In addition, the application of the PFIC rules is subject to uncertainty in several respects and the composition of our income and assets will be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend the cash we raise in this offering. We are under no obligation to take steps to reduce the risk of our being classified as a PFIC, and as stated above, the determination of the value of our assets will depend upon material facts (including the market price of our Ordinary Shares from time to time and the amount of cash we raise in this offering) that may not be within our control. If we are a PFIC for any year during which you hold Ordinary Shares, we will continue to be treated as a PFIC for all succeeding years during which you hold Ordinary Shares. If we cease to be a PFIC and you did not previously make a timely “mark-to-market” election as described below, however, you may avoid some of the adverse effects of the PFIC regime by making a “purging election” (as described below) with respect to the Ordinary Shares.

If we are a PFIC for your taxable year(s) during which you hold Ordinary Shares, you will be subject to special tax rules with respect to any “excess distribution” that you receive and any gain you realize from a sale or other disposition (including a pledge) of the Ordinary Shares, unless you make a “mark-to-market” election as discussed below. Distributions you receive in a taxable year that are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions you received during the shorter of the three preceding taxable years or your holding period for the Ordinary Shares will be treated as an excess distribution. Under these special tax rules:

- the excess distribution or gain will be allocated ratably over your holding period for the Ordinary Shares;
- the amount allocated to your current taxable year, and any amount allocated to any of your taxable year(s) prior to the first taxable year in which we were a PFIC, will be treated as ordinary income, and
- the amount allocated to each of your other taxable year(s) will be subject to the highest tax rate in effect for that year and the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax will be imposed on the resulting tax attributable to each such year.

The tax liability for amounts allocated to years prior to the year of disposition or “excess distribution” cannot be offset by any net operating losses for such years, and gains (but not losses) realized on the sale of the Ordinary Shares cannot be treated as capital, even if you hold the Ordinary Shares as capital assets.

A U.S. Holder of “marketable stock” (as defined below) in a PFIC may make a mark-to-market election under Section 1296 of the US Internal Revenue Code for such stock to elect out of the tax treatment discussed above. If you make a mark-to-market election for first taxable year which you hold (or are deemed to hold) Ordinary Shares and for which we are determined to be a PFIC, you will include in your income each year an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the Ordinary Shares as of the close of such taxable year over your adjusted basis in such Ordinary Shares, which excess will be treated as ordinary income and not capital gain. You are allowed an ordinary loss for the excess, if any, of the adjusted basis of the Ordinary Shares over their fair market value as of the close of the taxable year. Such ordinary loss, however, is allowable only to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains on the Ordinary Shares included in your income for prior taxable years. Amounts included in your income under a mark-to-market election, as well as gain on the actual sale or other disposition of the Ordinary Shares, are treated as ordinary income. Ordinary loss treatment also applies to any loss realized on the actual sale or disposition of the Ordinary Shares, to the extent that the amount of such loss does not exceed the net mark-to-market gains previously included for such Ordinary Shares. Your basis in the Ordinary Shares will be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amounts. If you make a valid mark-to-market election, the tax rules that apply to distributions by corporations which are not PFICs would apply to distributions by us, except that the lower applicable capital gains rate for qualified dividend income discussed above under “—Taxation of Dividends and Other Distributions on our Ordinary Shares” generally would not apply.

The mark-to-market election is available only for “marketable stock,” which is stock that is traded in other than de minimis quantities on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter (“regularly traded”) on a qualified exchange or other market (as defined in applicable U.S. Treasury regulations), including the Nasdaq Capital Market. If the Ordinary Shares are regularly traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market and if you are a holder of Ordinary Shares, the mark-to-market election would be available to you were we to be or become a PFIC.

Alternatively, a U.S. Holder of stock in a PFIC may make a “qualified electing fund” election under Section 1295(b) of the US Internal Revenue Code with respect to such PFIC to elect out of the tax treatment discussed above. A U.S. Holder who makes a valid qualified electing fund election with respect to a PFIC will generally include in gross income for a taxable year such holder’s pro rata share of the corporation’s earnings and profits for the taxable year. The qualified electing fund election, however, is available only if such PFIC provides such U.S. Holder with certain information regarding its earnings and profits as required under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations. We do not currently intend to prepare or provide the information that would enable you to make a qualified electing fund election. If you hold Ordinary Shares in any taxable year in which we are a PFIC, you will be required to file U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form 8621 in each such year and provide certain annual information regarding such Ordinary Shares, including regarding distributions received on the Ordinary Shares and any gain realized on the disposition of the Ordinary Shares.

If you do not make a timely “mark-to-market” election (as described above), and if we were a PFIC at any time during the period you hold our Ordinary Shares, then such Ordinary Shares will continue to be treated as stock of a PFIC with respect to you even if we cease to be a PFIC in a future year, unless you make a “purging election” for the year we cease to be a PFIC. A “purging election” creates a deemed sale of such Ordinary Shares at their fair market value on the last day of the last year in which we are treated as a PFIC. The gain recognized by the purging election will be subject to the special tax and interest charge rules treating the gain as an excess distribution, as described above. As a result of the purging election, you will have a new basis (equal to the fair market value of the Ordinary Shares on the last day of the last year in which we are treated as a PFIC) and holding period (which new holding period will begin the day after such last day) in your Ordinary Shares for tax purposes.

IRC Section 1014(a) provides for a step-up in basis to the fair market value for our Ordinary Shares when inherited from a decedent that was previously a holder of our Ordinary Shares. However, if we are determined to be a PFIC and a decedent that was a U.S. Holder did not make either a timely qualified electing fund election for our first taxable year as a PFIC in which the U.S. Holder held (or was deemed to hold) our Ordinary Shares, or a mark-to-market election and ownership of those Ordinary Shares are inherited, a special provision in IRC Section 1291(e) provides that the new U.S. Holder’s basis should be reduced by an amount equal to the Section 1014 basis minus the decedent’s adjusted basis just before death. As such if we are determined to be a PFIC at any time prior to a decedent’s passing, the PFIC rules will cause any new U.S. Holder that inherits our Ordinary Shares from a U.S. Holder to not get a step-up in basis under Section 1014 and instead will receive a carryover basis in those Ordinary Shares.

You are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the application of the PFIC rules to your investment in our Ordinary Shares and the elections discussed above.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Dividend payments with respect to our Ordinary Shares and proceeds from the sale, exchange or redemption of our Ordinary Shares may be subject to information reporting to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and possible U.S. backup withholding under Section 3406 of the US Internal Revenue Code with at a current flat rate of 24%. Backup withholding will not apply, however, to a U.S. Holder who furnishes a correct taxpayer identification number and makes any other required certification on U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or who is otherwise exempt from backup withholding. U.S. Holders who are required to establish their exempt status generally must provide such certification on U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the U.S. information reporting and backup withholding rules.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld as backup withholding may be credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, and you may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules by filing the appropriate claim for refund with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and furnishing any required information. We do not intend to withhold taxes for individual shareholders. Transactions effected through certain brokers or other intermediaries, however, may be subject to withholding taxes (including backup withholding), and such brokers or intermediaries may be required by law to withhold such taxes.

Under the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010, certain U.S. Holders are required to report information relating to our Ordinary Shares, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for Ordinary Shares held in accounts maintained by certain financial institutions), by attaching a complete Internal Revenue Service Form 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets, with their tax return for each year in which they hold Ordinary Shares.

UNDERWRITING

We expect to enter into an underwriting agreement with Network 1 Financial Securities, Inc. as the Underwriter named therein, with respect to the Ordinary Shares in this offering. The Underwriter may retain other brokers or dealers to act as sub-agents on its behalf in connection with this offering and may pay any sub-agent a solicitation fee with respect to any securities placed by it. Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriter the number of Ordinary Shares as indicated below:

Name	Number of shares
Network 1 Financial Securities, Inc.	5,000,000
Total	5,000,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the Underwriter is obligated to purchase all Ordinary Shares in the offering if any are purchased, other than those Ordinary Shares covered by the over-allotment option described below.

We have agreed to indemnify the Underwriter and certain of their controlling persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments that the Underwriter may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

Over-Allotment Option

We have agreed to grant to the Underwriter an over-allotment option, exercisable within 45 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to an additional 750,000 Ordinary Shares at the initial public offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus, less underwriting discounts. The option may be exercised in whole or in part, and may be exercised more than once, during the 45-day option period. The Underwriter may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments if any, made in connection with the offering contemplated by this prospectus.

Discounts and Expenses

We have agreed to give the Underwriter a discount or spread equal to 7.5% of the gross proceeds of the offering (including proceeds from the sale of over-allotment shares).

The Underwriter has advised us that it proposes to offer the shares to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of \$[●] per share. After this offering, the public offering price and concession to dealers may be reduced by the Underwriter. No such reduction shall change the amount of proceeds to be received by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. The securities are offered by the Underwriter as stated herein, subject to receipt and acceptance by it and subject to its right to reject any order in whole or in part. The Underwriter has informed us that it does not intend to confirm sales to any accounts over which it exercises discretionary authority.

We have agreed to pay to the Underwriter, upon the consummation of the offering, a non-accountable expense allowance equal to 1% of the gross proceeds of the offering (including proceeds from the sale of over-allotment shares). We have also agreed to pay the Underwriter's reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Underwriter in connection with this offering up to \$150,000. We have agreed to pay in cash any unreimbursed expenses that have accrued as of the date of earlier termination of the agreement with the Underwriter. We have paid an advance of \$75,000 to the Underwriter to be applied to the Underwriter's anticipated out-of-pocket expenses. The advance will be returned to us to the extent such out-of-pocket accountable expenses are not actually incurred in accordance with FINRA Rule 5110(f)(2)(C).

Warrants

We have also agreed to grant to the Underwriter warrants covering a number of Ordinary Shares equal to 5% of the aggregate number of the Ordinary Shares sold in the offering (excluding the over-allotment shares). The Underwriter warrants will be exercisable, in whole or in part, during a period commencing on a date that is six months after the closing of the offering and will expire on the five-year anniversary after the effective date of the offering. The Underwriter warrants will be exercisable at a price equal to 120% of the offering price and shall not be redeemable. We will register the Ordinary Shares underlying the Underwriter warrants and will file all necessary undertakings in connection therewith. The Underwriter warrants may not be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated, or be the subject of any hedging, short sale, derivative, put, or call transaction that would result in the effective economic disposition of the securities by any person for a period of 180 days immediately following the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part (in accordance with FINRA Rule 5110), except that they may be assigned, in whole or in part, to any FINRA member participating in the offering and their bona fide officer or partner. The Underwriter may, but is not obligated to, retain other selected dealers that are qualified to offer and sell the shares and that are members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

We have agreed to pay our expenses related to the offering. We estimate that our total expenses related to this offering, excluding the underwriting discounts and payment of the Underwriter's non-accountable expense allowance, will be approximately \$1,173,642.

Except as disclosed in this prospectus, the Underwriter has not received and will not receive from us any other item of compensation or expense in connection with this offering considered by FINRA to be underwriting compensation under FINRA Rule 5110.

The following table shows the price per share and total public offering price, underwriting discounts, and proceeds before expenses to us. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the Underwriter's over-allotment option.

	Per Share	Total	
		No Exercise	Full Exercise
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts to be paid by us:	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$	\$

Pricing of the Offering

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for the Ordinary Shares. The initial public offering price will be determined by negotiations between us and the Underwriter. In determining the initial public offering price, we and the Underwriter expect to consider a number of factors, including:

- the information set forth in this prospectus and otherwise available to the Underwriter;
- our prospects and the history and prospects for the industry in which we compete;
- an assessment of our management;
- our prospects for future earnings;
- the general condition of the securities markets at the time of this offering;
- the recent market prices of, and demand for, publicly traded securities of generally comparable companies; and
- other factors deemed relevant by the Underwriter and us.

The estimated initial public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus is subject to change as a result of market conditions and other factors. Neither we nor the Underwriter can assure investors that an active trading market will develop for our Ordinary Shares, or that the shares will trade in the public market at or above the initial public offering price.

We have agreed to indemnify the Underwriter against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. If we are unable to provide this indemnification, we will contribute to payments that the Underwriter may be required to make for these liabilities.

Right of First Refusal

In addition, we have agreed to grant to the Underwriter, upon the closing of this offering, a right of first refusal to co-manage any public underwriting or private placement of our debt or equity securities or the debt or equity securities of our subsidiary or successor (excluding (i) shares issued under any compensation or stock option plan approved by our shareholders, (ii) shares issued in payment of the consideration for an acquisition or as part of strategic partnerships or transactions, and (iii) conventional banking arrangements and commercial debt financing), receiving the right to underwrite or place a minimum of 50% of the securities to be sold therein, until 12 months after the effective date of our registration statement.

Lock-Up Agreements

We have agreed not to, for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this registration statement, offer, issue, sell, contract to sell, encumber, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of, except in this offering, any of our ordinary shares or securities that are substantially similar to our ordinary shares, including but not limited to any options or warrants to purchase our ordinary shares, or any securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, our ordinary shares or any such substantially similar securities (other than pursuant to employee stock option plans existing on, or upon the conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities outstanding as of, the date such lock-up agreement was executed), without the prior written consent of the Underwriter.

Furthermore, each of our directors, executive officers, and all other shareholders of our ordinary shares has also entered into a similar lock-up agreement for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this registration statement, subject to certain exceptions, with respect to our ordinary shares and securities that are substantially similar to our ordinary shares. These parties collectively own all of our outstanding ordinary shares, without giving effect to this offering.

There are no existing agreements between the Underwriter and any person who will execute a lock-up agreement in connection with this offering providing consent to the sale of shares prior to the expiration of the lock-up period. The lock up does not apply to the issuance of shares upon the exercise of rights to acquire Ordinary Shares pursuant to any existing stock option or the conversion of any of our preferred convertible stock.

Stabilization

Upon the declaration of effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, we will enter into an underwriting agreement with the Underwriter. The terms of the underwriting agreement provide that the obligations of the Underwriter are subject to certain conditions precedent, including the absence of any material adverse change in our business and the receipt of certain certificates, opinions and letters from us, our counsel, and our auditors.

We intend to apply to list our Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “CNEY.”

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our Ordinary Shares. The initial public offering price was determined by negotiations among us and the Underwriter and will not necessarily reflect the market price of our Ordinary Shares following this offering. The principal factors that were considered in determining the initial public offering price included:

- the information presented in this prospectus and otherwise available to the Underwriter;
- the history of, and prospects for, the industry in which we will compete;
- the ability of our management;
- the prospects for our future earnings;
- the present state of our development, results of operations, and our current financial condition
- the general condition of the securities markets at the time of this offering; and
- the recent market prices of, and the demand for, publicly traded common stock of generally comparable companies.

We cannot assure you that the initial public offering price will correspond to the price at which our Ordinary Shares will trade in the public market subsequent to this offering or that an active trading market for our Ordinary Shares will develop and continue after this offering.

In connection with the offering the Underwriter may engage in stabilizing transactions, over-allotment transactions, syndicate covering transactions, penalty bids, and passive market making in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act.

- Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.
- Over-allotment involves sales by the Underwriter of the Ordinary Shares in excess of the number of shares the Underwriter are obligated to purchase, which creates a syndicate short position. The short position may be either a covered short position or a naked short position. In a covered short position, the number of shares over-allotted by the Underwriter is not greater than the number of shares that it may purchase in the over-allotment option. In a naked short position, the number of shares involved is greater than the number of shares in the over-allotment option. The Underwriter may close out any covered short position by either exercising their over-allotment option and/or purchasing shares in the open market.
- Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of shares in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. In determining the source of shares to close out the short position, the Underwriter will consider, among other things, the price of our Ordinary Shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. If the Underwriter sell more shares than could be covered by the over-allotment option, a naked short position, the position can only be closed out by buying shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the Underwriter is concerned that there could be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.
- Penalty bids permit the representatives to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the Ordinary Shares originally sold by the syndicate member is purchased in a stabilizing or syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.
- In passive market making, market makers in the shares who is the Underwriter or prospective Underwriter may, subject to limitations, make bids for or purchases of our Ordinary Shares until the time, if any, at which a stabilizing bid is made.

These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions, and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our Ordinary Shares or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the shares. As a result, the price of our Ordinary Shares may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions may be effected on a national securities exchange or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

The Underwriter and their respective affiliates are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing, and brokerage activities. The Underwriter has, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking services for us, for which it received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In addition, in the ordinary course of the business activities, the Underwriter and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. These investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The Underwriter and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Electronic Offer, Sale and Distribution of Ordinary Shares

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the web sites maintained by one or more of the Underwriter, or selling group members, if any, participating in this offering and the Underwriter may distribute prospectuses electronically. The Underwriter may agree to allocate a number of shares to selling group members for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the Underwriter and selling group members that will make internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on the Underwriter's website and any information contained in any other website maintained by the Underwriter is not part of the prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the Underwriter in its capacity as Underwriter and should not be relied upon by investors.

Selling Restrictions

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction (except in the United States) that would permit a public offering of the Ordinary Shares, or the possession, circulation or distribution of this prospectus or any other material relating to us or the Ordinary Shares, where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the Ordinary Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this prospectus nor any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the Ordinary Shares may be distributed or published, in or from any country or jurisdiction except in compliance with any applicable rules and regulations of any such country or jurisdiction.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 (or, in the case of securities issued or guaranteed by the government of a non-Canadian jurisdiction, section 3A.4) of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

The Ordinary Shares may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*. Any resale of the Ordinary Shares must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

This prospectus is only being distributed to and is only directed at persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive that are also (i) to investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 within, and/or (ii) high net worth entities, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons").

This prospectus and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this prospectus or any of its contents.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Ordinary Shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the Ordinary Shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA"), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA, in each case subject to compliance with conditions set forth in the SFA.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the People's Republic of China

This prospectus may not be circulated or distributed in China and the Ordinary Shares may not be offered or sold, and will not offer or sell to any person for re-offering or resale directly or indirectly to any resident of China except pursuant to applicable laws, rules and regulations of China. For the purpose of this paragraph only, China does not include Taiwan and the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The Ordinary Shares may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), (ii) to “professional investors” within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to our Ordinary Shares be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to our Ordinary Shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Taiwan, the Republic of China

The Ordinary Shares have not been and will not be registered with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan, the Republic of China, pursuant to relevant securities laws and regulations and may not be offered or sold in Taiwan through a public offering or in any manner which would constitute an offer within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Act of Taiwan or would otherwise require registration with or the approval of the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan.

EXPENSES RELATED TO THIS OFFERING

Set forth below is an itemization of the total expenses, excluding underwriting discounts and non-accountable expense allowance that we expect to incur in connection with this offering. With the exception of the SEC registration fee, the FINRA filing fee and the Nasdaq Capital Market listing fee, as applicable, all amounts are estimates.

Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee	\$ 3,142
Nasdaq Capital Market Listing Fee	\$ 100,000
FINRA Filing Fee	\$ 5,000
Legal Fees and Expenses	\$ 399,000
Accounting Fees and Expenses	\$ 460,000
Printing and Engraving Expenses	\$ 35,000
Transfer Agent Expenses	\$ 1,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 170,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,173,642

These expenses will be borne by us. Underwriting discounts will be borne by us in proportion to the numbers of ordinary shares sold in the offering.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Ordinary Shares and certain other legal matters as to United States Federal and New York State law in connection with this offering will be passed upon for us by Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC. The validity of the Ordinary Shares offered in this offering and certain other legal matters as to British Virgin Islands law will be passed upon for us by Carey Olsen, our counsel as to British Virgin Islands law. Legal matters as to PRC law will be passed upon for us by GFE Law Office. Loeb & Loeb LLP and Allbright Law Offices are acting as U.S. counsel and PRC legal counsel, respectively, to the Underwriter.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of Friedman LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting. The office of Friedman LLP is located at One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway Floor 21, New York, NY 10006.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-1, including relevant exhibits and schedules under the Securities Act, covering the Ordinary Shares offered by this prospectus. You should refer to our registration statements and their exhibits and schedules if you would like to find out more about us and about the Ordinary Shares. This prospectus summarizes material provisions of contracts and other documents that we refer you to. Since the prospectus may not contain all the information that you may find important, you should review the full text of these documents.

Immediately upon the completion of this offering, we will be subject to periodic reporting and other informational requirements of the Exchange Act, as applicable to foreign private issuers. Accordingly, we will be required to file reports, including annual reports on Form 20-F, and other information with the SEC. As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules of the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements to shareholders under the federal proxy rules contained in Sections 14(a), (b) and (c) of the Exchange Act, and our executive officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The registration statements, reports and other information so filed can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>. The information on that website is not a part of this prospectus.

No dealers, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of

CN Energy Group, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CN Energy Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”) as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended September 30, 2019, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Friedman LLP

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2018.

New York, New York

January 21, 2020, except for Notes 1, 10, 17, 18, and 19, as to which the date is May 1, 2020, and Note 12, as to which the date is July 2, 2020.

CN ENERGY GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 1,560,335	\$ 1,896,802
Accounts receivable	4,178,825	3,050,308
Notes receivable	-	97,378
Inventory	2,450,799	2,650,589
Advances to suppliers, net	1,786,926	1,625,820
Due from related parties	-	148,713
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	32,215	2,937,223
Total current assets	<u>10,009,100</u>	<u>12,406,833</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	12,811,377	11,247,354
Intangible assets, net	259,611	374,551
Land use right, net	542,068	-
Long-term deposits	280,176	314,784
Deferred offering costs	313,040	-
Deferred tax assets	6,679	5,023
Total Assets	<u>\$ 24,222,051</u>	<u>\$ 24,348,545</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term bank loan	\$ 277,374	\$ -
Accounts payable	3,947,099	6,095,292
Deferred revenue	605,005	733,285
Due to related parties	614,217	-
Taxes payable	146,613	173,590
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	636,130	306,177
Total current liabilities	<u>6,226,438</u>	<u>7,308,344</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,226,438</u>	<u>7,308,344</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Ordinary shares, no par value, unlimited number of ordinary shares authorized, 10,000,000 ordinary shares issued and outstanding*	14,005,621	14,005,621
Additional paid-in capital	7,890,199	7,890,199
Accumulated deficit	(1,955,766)	(3,623,578)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,944,441)	(1,232,041)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>17,995,613</u>	<u>17,040,201</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 24,222,051</u>	<u>\$ 24,348,545</u>

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the Years Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Revenue	\$ 10,893,164	\$ 8,091,937
Cost of revenue	(7,920,879)	(6,274,484)
Gross profit	2,972,285	1,817,453
Operating expenses:		
Selling expenses	332,621	307,742
General and administrative expenses	857,765	410,710
Research and development expenses	593,992	43,723
Total operating expenses	1,784,378	762,175
Income from operations	1,187,907	1,055,278
Other income (expenses):		
Interest expense	(6,553)	-
Government subsidy income	587,958	655,029
Other income (expenses), net	7,311	(35,060)
Total other income, net	588,716	619,969
Income before income taxes	1,776,623	1,675,247
Provision for income taxes	108,811	112,629
Net income	1,667,812	1,562,618
Other comprehensive loss:		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(712,400)	(578,092)
Comprehensive income	\$ 955,412	\$ 984,526
Earnings per share – basic and diluted*	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.16
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted*	10,000,000	10,000,000

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND 2018

	Ordinary Share		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total
	Shares*	Amount				
Balance at September 30, 2017	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (5,186,196)	\$ (653,949)	\$ 16,055,675
Net income for the year	-	-	-	1,562,618	-	1,562,618
Foreign currency translation loss	-	-	-	-	(578,092)	(578,092)
Balance at September 30, 2018	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (3,623,578)	\$ (1,232,041)	\$ 17,040,201
Net income for the year	-	-	-	1,667,812	-	1,667,812
Foreign currency translation loss	-	-	-	-	(712,400)	(712,400)
Balance at September 30, 2019	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (1,955,766)	\$ (1,944,441)	\$ 17,995,613

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For The Years Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,667,812	\$ 1,562,618
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	942,615	1,031,123
Amortization expense of intangible assets and land use right	115,251	110,167
Changes in bad debts allowances	4,130	42,650
Deferred revenue	(104,591)	(114,947)
Deferred income taxes	(1,916)	112,629
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(1,290,889)	(1,901,256)
Inventory	104,029	1,497,093
Advances to suppliers	(256,221)	(1,699,647)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,923,310	(643,158)
Long-term deposits	23,653	-
Accounts payable	(4,111,721)	(1,458,224)
Taxes payable	(21,239)	16,103
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	154,317	(1,471,670)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	148,540	(2,916,519)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(886,721)	(1,928)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	418,394
Purchase of land use right	(573,398)	-
Notes receivable	97,318	(102,362)
Collections of loans to related parties	148,621	4,516,859
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,214,180)	4,830,963
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from related parties loans	502,244	-
Proceeds from short-term bank loans	288,027	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	790,271	-
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(61,098)	(95,652)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(336,467)	1,818,792
Cash, beginning of year	1,896,802	78,010
Cash, end of year	\$ 1,560,335	\$ 1,896,802
Supplemental disclosure information:		
Cash paid for income tax	\$ 15,180	\$ 13,494
Cash paid for interest	\$ 6,730	\$ -
Supplemental non-cash activities:		
Accrued deferred offering costs	\$ 189,308	\$ -
Deferred offering costs funded by a related party through related party loans	\$ 125,000	\$ -
Accounts payable related to construction in progress	\$ 2,118,884	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Note 1 – Organization and nature of business

CN ENERGY GROUP, INC. (“CN Energy”) is a holding company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018. CN Energy, through its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”), is a manufacturer and supplier of wood-based activated carbon that is primarily used in pharmaceutical manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, water purification, environmental protection, and food and beverage production (“Activated Carbon Production”), and a producer of biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon (“Biomass Electricity Production”).

Reorganization

In connection with its proposed initial public offering, the Company has undertaken a reorganization of its legal structure (the “Reorganization”). The Reorganization involved the incorporation of CN Energy, a British Virgin Islands holding company; the incorporation of CLEAN ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (“Energy Holdings”), a Hong Kong holding company; the incorporation of Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd. (“Zhejiang CN Energy”) and Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd. (“Manzhouli CN Energy”), two new wholly foreign-owned enterprises (“WFOE”) formed by Energy Holdings under the laws of the People’s Republic of China (“China” or the “PRC”); the incorporation of Manzhouli CN Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Manzhouli CN Technology”), a PRC company, of which 90% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Energy, and the remaining 10% by Zhejiang CN Energy; the incorporation of CN Energy Industrial Development Co., Ltd. (“CN Energy Development”), a PRC company, of which 70% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Technology and the remaining 30% by Zhejiang CN Energy; and the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Khingang Forasen”) by CN Energy Development; and the issuance of 10,000,000 ordinary shares of CN Energy (reflecting an approximate or rounded 71.62-for-1 forward split of the Company’s ordinary shares on April 20, 2020) to the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen. In relation to the Reorganization, a series of agreements were signed among CN Energy, the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen, CN Energy Development, and offshore holding companies controlled by the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen on August 12, 2019 and August 28, 2019.

All share amounts and per share amounts have been presented giving effect to the forward split. The Company has retroactively restated all shares and per share data for all the periods presented.

As a result of the Reorganization, CN Energy, the ultimate holding company, owns 100% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, which in turn owns 100% of the equity interests of Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd. (“Hangzhou Forasen”) and Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Zhongxing Energy”).

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 805-50-25, the Reorganization has been accounted for as a recapitalization among entities under common control since the same shareholders controlled all these entities prior to the Reorganization. The consolidation of CN Energy and its subsidiaries has been accounted for at historical cost and prepared on the basis as if the aforementioned transactions had become effective as of the beginning of the first period presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Results of operations for the period presented comprise those of the previously separate entities combined from the beginning of the period to the end of the period. By eliminating the effects of intra-entity transactions in determining the results of operations for the period before the Reorganization, those results will be on substantially the same basis as the results of operations for the period after the date of Reorganization.

The effects of intra-entity transactions on current assets, current liabilities, revenue, and cost of sales for periods presented and on retained earnings (accumulated deficit) at the beginning of the periods presented are eliminated to the extent possible. Furthermore, ASC 805-50-45-5 indicates that the financial statements and financial information presented for prior years also shall be retrospectively adjusted to furnish comparative information.

Upon the completion of the Reorganization, the Company has subsidiaries in countries and jurisdictions including the PRC, Hong Kong, and British Virgin Islands. Details of the subsidiaries of the Company are set out below:

Name of Entity	Date of Incorporation	Place of Incorporation	% of Ownership	Principal Activities
CN Energy	November 23, 2018	British Virgin Islands	Parent	Holding Company
Energy Holdings	August 29, 2013	Hong Kong	100%	Holding Company
Zhejiang CN Energy	January 14, 2019	Zhejiang, China	100%	Holding Company
Manzhouli CN Energy	January 24, 2019	Inner Mongolia, China	100%	Holding Company
Manzhouli CN Technology	June 10, 2019	Inner Mongolia, China	100%	Holding Company
CN Energy Development	April 18, 2019	Zhejiang, China	100%	Holding Company
Khingang Forasen	March 5, 2009	Heilongjiang, China	100%	Produces and distributes activated carbon and biomass electricity
Hangzhou Forasen	March 16, 2006	Zhejiang, China	100%	Distributes activated carbon products
Zhongxing Energy	May 21, 2018	Inner Mongolia, China	100%	Expected to produce activated carbon and steam for heating in the future

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation and principles of consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and have been consistently applied.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company reflect the principal activities of CN Energy, Energy Holdings, Zhejiang CN Energy, Manzhouli CN Energy, Manzhouli CN Technology, CN Energy Development, Khingan Forasen, Hangzhou Forasen, and Zhongxing Energy. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Use of estimates

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting years. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, the valuation of inventory, advances to suppliers, useful lives of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, the recoverability of long-lived assets, provision necessary for contingent liabilities, revenue recognition, and realization of deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less and money market accounts to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains all of its bank accounts in the PRC. Cash balances in bank accounts in the PRC are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other programs. As of September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Company had no cash equivalents.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses. The Company reviews its accounts receivable on a periodic basis and makes general and specific allowances when there is doubt as to the collectability of individual balances. In evaluating the collectability of individual receivable balances, the Company considers many factors, including the age of the balance, customer's historical payment history, customer's current credit-worthiness, and current economic trends. Accounts are written off against the allowance after efforts at collection prove unsuccessful.

Inventory

The Company values its inventory at the lower of cost, determined on a weighted average basis, or net realizable value. Costs include the cost of raw materials, freight, direct labor, and related production overhead. Net realizable value is estimated using selling price in the normal course of business less any costs to complete and sell products. The Company reviews its inventory periodically to determine if any reserves are necessary for potential obsolescence or if the carrying value exceeds net realizable value. No inventory reserves were recorded as of September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Advances to suppliers

Advances to suppliers consist of balances paid to suppliers for services and materials that have not been provided or received. The Company reviews its advances to suppliers on a periodic basis and makes general and specific allowances when there is doubt as to the ability of a supplier to provide supplies to the Company or refund an advance. Allowance for uncollectible balances amounted to \$44,526 and \$20,764 as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Property, plant, and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its present working condition and location for its intended use.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Property, plant, and equipment (Continued)

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The estimated useful lives for significant property and equipment are as follows:

	Useful life
Property and buildings	20 years
Machinery and equipment	10 years
Vehicles	4 years
Office equipment	3 - 5 years

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs, which do not materially extend the useful lives of the assets, are charged to expense as incurred. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments which substantially extend the useful life of assets are capitalized. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets retired or sold are removed from the respective accounts, and any gain or loss is recognized in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income in income from operations.

Construction-in-progress represents property and buildings under construction and consists of construction expenditures, equipment procurement, and other direct costs attributable to the construction. Construction-in-progress is not depreciated. Upon completion and ready for intended use, construction-in-progress is reclassified to the appropriate category within property, plant, and equipment.

Land use right

Land use right is recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives which are 50 years and represent the shorter of the estimated usage periods or the terms of the agreements.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist primarily of patents and software. Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization, which are amortized using the straight-line method with the following estimated useful lives:

	Useful life
Patents	10 years
Software	10 years

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets, including definitive-lived intangible assets, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the estimated cash flows from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition are below the asset's carrying value, then the asset is deemed to be impaired and written down to its fair value. There were no impairments of these assets as of September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Fair value of financial instruments

ASC 825-10 requires certain disclosures regarding the fair value of financial instruments. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-level fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted market prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and inputs derived from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable.

Unless otherwise disclosed, the fair value of the Company's financial instruments including cash, accounts receivable, notes receivable, advances to suppliers, due from related parties, prepaid expenses and other current assets, short-term bank loan, accounts payable, deferred revenue, advances from customers, due to related parties, taxes payable, and accrued expenses and other current liabilities approximate their recorded values due to their short-term maturities.

Revenue recognition

The Company accounts for revenue recognition under Accounting Standards Codification 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASC 606"). Revenue of the Company is mainly from the sale of two types of products, activated carbon and biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon. For the sale of activated carbon, the Company recognizes revenue when title and risk of loss passes and the customer accepts the products, which generally occurs at delivery. Product delivery is evidenced by warehouse shipping log as well as signed shipping bills from the shipping company, or by receipt document signed by the customer upon delivery, depending on the delivery term negotiated between the Company and customers on a customer-by-customer basis. For the sale of biomass electricity, revenue is recognized over time as the biomass electricity is delivered, which occurs when the biomass electricity is transmitted from the power plant of the Company to the provincial power grid company. The amount is based on the reading of meters, which occurs on a systematic basis throughout each reporting period and represents the market value of the biomass electricity delivered.

The Company also provides technical service to customers who purchase activated carbon from the Company. The revenue of technical service is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period as earned.

The transaction price of activated carbon is determined based on fixed consideration in the Company's customer contracts. Pursuant to the power purchase agreements entered into between the Company and the respective provincial power grid company, the Company's sales of biomass electricity were made to the power grid company at the tariff rates agreed with the provincial power grid company as approved by the relevant government authorities in the PRC. In determining the transaction price, no significant financing components exist since the timing from when the Company invoices its customers to when payment is received is less than one year.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue is reported net of all value added taxes. The Company generally does not permit customers to return products and historically, customer returns have been immaterial. In the event the Company receives an advance from a customer, such advance is recorded as a liability to the Company. The Company reduces the liability and recognizes revenue after the delivery of goods occurs.

The core principle underlying the revenue recognition ASC 606 is that the Company recognizes revenue to represent the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in such exchange. This requires the Company to identify contractual performance obligations and determine whether revenue should be recognized at a point in time or over time, based on when control of goods and services transfers to a customer. The Company's sales contracts of activated carbon have one single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual goods is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and is, therefore, not distinct. Therefore, the sale of activated carbon is recognized at a point in time. The Company's sales contracts of biomass electricity have a single performance obligation that represents a promise to transfer to the customer a series of distinct goods that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer. The Company's performance obligation is satisfied over time as biomass electricity is delivered.

The contract assets are recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as accounts receivable as of September 30, 2019 and 2018. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, revenue recognized from performance obligations related to prior periods was insignificant. Revenue expected to be recognized in any future periods related to remaining performance obligations is insignificant.

The Company has elected the following practical expedients in applying ASC 606:

- Unsatisfied Performance Obligations – for all performance obligations relate to contracts with a duration of less than one year, the Company has elected to apply the optional exemption provided in ASC 606, and therefore is not required to disclose the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period.
- Contract Costs - all incremental customer contract acquisition costs are expensed as they are incurred as the amortization period of the asset that the Company otherwise would have recognized is one year or less in duration.
- Significant Financing Component - the Company does not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component as the Company expects, at contract inception, that the period between when the Company transfers a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for that good or service will be one year or less.
- Sales Tax Exclusion from the Transaction Price - the Company excludes from the measurement of the transaction price all taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction and collected by the Company from the customer.
- Shipping and Handling Activities - the Company elected to account for shipping and handling activities as a fulfillment cost rather than as a separate performance obligation.

Refer to “Note 16—Segment reporting” for details of revenue disaggregation.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Cost of revenue

Cost of revenue includes cost of raw materials purchased, inbound freight cost, cost of direct labor, depreciation expense, and other overhead. Write-down of inventory for lower of cost or net realizable value adjustments is also recorded in cost of revenue.

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses include costs directly attributable to the conduct of research and development projects, including the cost of salaries and other employee benefits. All costs associated with research and development are expensed as incurred.

Shipping and handling

All shipping and handling costs are expensed as incurred and included in selling expenses. Total shipping and handling expenses were \$315,809 and \$304,418 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Government subsidy income

The Company receives various government grants from time to time. There is no guarantee that the Company will continue to receive such grants in the future. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Company had subsidy income of \$587,958 and \$655,029, including \$104,591 and \$114,947 for equipment of energy projects grants, and \$483,367 and \$540,082 of value-added tax refund, respectively.

In January 2014 and April 2014, the Company received government subsidies of approximately \$840,000 and \$140,000 for equipment of energy projects, respectively. These subsidies were one-time grants, and the Company recognizes the income over the useful lives of the equipment. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, \$104,591 and \$114,947 was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

Income taxes

The Company's subsidiaries in the PRC and Hong Kong are subject to the income tax laws of the PRC and Hong Kong. No taxable income was generated outside the PRC for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018. The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes." ASC 740 requires an asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for income taxes and allows recognition and measurement of deferred tax assets based upon the likelihood of realization of tax benefits in future years. Under the asset and liability approach, deferred taxes are provided for the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. A valuation allowance is provided for deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not these items will either expire before the Company is able to realize their benefits, or future deductibility is uncertain.

ASC 740-10-25 prescribes a more-likely-than-not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken (or expected to be taken) in a tax return. It also provides guidance on the recognition of income tax assets and liabilities, classification accounting for interest and penalties associated with tax positions, years open for tax examination, accounting for income taxes in interim periods and income tax disclosures. There were no material uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2019 and 2018. As of September 30, 2019, the tax years ended December 31, 2014, through December 31, 2018 for the Company's PRC subsidiaries remain open for statutory examination by PRC tax authorities.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Value added tax (“VAT”)

Sales revenue represents the invoiced value of goods, net of VAT. The VAT is based on gross sales price and VAT rates range up to 17%, depending on the type of products sold. The VAT may be offset by VAT paid by the Company on raw materials and other materials included in the cost of producing or acquiring its finished products. The Company recorded a VAT payable or receivable net of payments in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. All of the VAT returns filed by the Company’s subsidiaries in the PRC, have been and remain subject to examination by the tax authorities for five years from the date of filing.

Each local tax authority at times may grant tax holidays to local enterprises as a way to encourage entrepreneurship and stimulate local economy. Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Tahe Biopower Plant (“Biopower Plant”), are entitled to obtained 70% VAT refund as they meet the requirement of national comprehensive utilization of resources program. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, the amount of \$483,367 and \$540,082 VAT refund was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

Concentrations of credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, accounts receivable, notes receivable, advances to suppliers, and due from related parties. Most of the Company’s cash is maintained with banks within the PRC of which no deposits are covered by insurance. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. A significant portion of the Company’s sales are credit sales which are primarily to customers whose ability to pay is dependent upon the industry economics prevailing in these areas. The Company also makes cash advances to certain suppliers to ensure the stable supply of key raw materials. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and key suppliers to help further reduce credit risk.

Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income consists of two components, net income and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) refers to revenue, expenses, gains, and losses that under U.S. GAAP are recorded as an element of stockholders’ equity but are excluded from net income. Other comprehensive income (loss) consists of foreign currency translation adjustment from the Company not using the U.S. dollar as its functional currency.

Foreign currency translation

The Company’s financial information is presented in U.S. dollars. The functional currency of the Company is the Renminbi (“RMB”), the currency of the PRC. Any transactions denominated in currencies other than RMB are translated into RMB at the exchange rate quoted by the People’s Bank of China prevailing at the dates of the transactions, and exchange gains and losses are included in the statements of income as foreign currency transaction gain or loss. The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been translated into U.S. dollars in accordance with ASC 830, “Foreign Currency Matters.” The financial information is first prepared in RMB and then translated into U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates for assets and liabilities and average exchange rates for revenue and expenses. Capital accounts are translated at their historical exchange rates when the capital transactions occurred. The effects of foreign currency translation adjustments are included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders’ equity.

The exchange rates in effect as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, were RMB1 for \$0.1401 and \$0.1456, respectively. The average exchange rates for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, were RMB1 for \$0.1455 and \$0.1530, respectively.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Statement of cash flows

In accordance with ASC 230, “Statement of Cash Flows,” cash flows from the Company’s operations are formulated based upon the local currencies, and then translated at average translation rates for the periods. As a result, amounts related to assets and liabilities reported on the statements of cash flows will not necessarily agree with changes in the corresponding balances on the balance sheets.

Risks and uncertainties

The operations of the Company are located in the PRC. Accordingly, the Company’s business, financial condition, and results of operations may be influenced by the political, economic, and legal environments in the PRC, in addition to the general state of the PRC economy. The Company’s results may be adversely affected by changes in the political and social conditions in the PRC, and by changes in governmental policies with respect to laws and regulations, anti-inflationary measures, currency conversion and remittance abroad, and rates and methods of taxation, among other things.

The Company’s sales, purchases, and expense transactions are denominated in RMB, and all of the Company’s assets and liabilities are also denominated in RMB. The RMB is not freely convertible into foreign currencies under the current law. In the PRC, foreign exchange transactions are required by law to be transacted only by authorized financial institutions at exchange rates set by the People’s Bank of China, the central bank of the PRC. Remittances in currencies other than RMB may require certain supporting documentation in order to effect the remittance.

The Company does not carry any business interruption insurance, product liability insurance, or any other insurance policy except for a limited property insurance policy. As a result, the Company may incur uninsured losses, increasing the possibility that investors would lose their entire investment in the Company.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The main objective is to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, for (1) public business entities, (2) not-for-profit entities that have issued, or are conduit bond obligors for, securities that are traded, listed, or quoted on an exchange or an over-the-counter market, and (3) employee benefit plans that file financial statements with the SEC. For all other entities, the ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. The Company does not believe this guidance will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): The amendments in this Update require a financial asset (or a group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The amendments broaden the information that an entity must consider in developing its expected credit loss estimate for assets measured either collectively or individually. The use of forecasted information incorporates more timely information in the estimate of expected credit loss, which will be more decision useful to users of the financial statements. ASU 2016-13 is effective for the Company for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is allowed as of the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will adopt this ASU within annual reporting period of September 30, 2021 and expects that the adoption will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Recent accounting pronouncements (Continued)

In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-10, “Codification Improvements to Topic 842, Leases,” which clarifies how to apply certain aspects of the new leases standard. This ASU addresses the rate implicit in the lease, impairment of the net investment in the lease, lessee reassessment of lease classification, lessor reassessment of lease term and purchase options, variable payments that depend on an index or rate and certain transition adjustments. This ASU has the same effective date and transition requirements as the new leases standard, which is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Company believes that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-11, “Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements” which provides a new transition method and a practical expedient for separating components of a contract. This ASU is intended to reduce costs and ease the implementation of the new leasing standard for financial statement preparers. The effective date and transition requirements for the amendments related to separating components of a contract are the same as the effective date and transition requirements in ASU 2016-02. The Company expects that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, “Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement,” to improve the effectiveness of disclosures in the notes to financial statements related to recurring or nonrecurring fair value measurements by removing amounts and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the policy for timing of transfers between levels, and the valuation processes for Level 3 fair value measurements. The new standard requires disclosure of the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements. The amendments in this update are effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company expects that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes,” which removes certain exceptions to the general principles in Topic 740, and also improves consistent application of and simplify U.S. GAAP for other areas of Topic 740 by clarifying and amending existing guidance. For public business entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2020. For all other entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption of the amendments is permitted. The Company expects that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

The Company does not believe other recently issued but not yet effective accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on the Company’s consolidated financial position, statements of operations and cash flows.

Note 3 – Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 4,178,825	\$ 3,050,308
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 4,178,825</u>	<u>\$ 3,050,308</u>

Note 4 – Inventory

Inventory consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Raw materials	\$ 1,312,616	\$ 129,899
Finished goods	1,138,183	2,520,690
Total	<u>\$ 2,450,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,650,589</u>

Note 5 – Advances to suppliers, net

Advances to suppliers represent prepayments made to ensure continuous high-quality supply and favorable purchase prices. Advances to suppliers consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Advances for raw materials purchasing	\$ 1,831,452	\$ 1,646,584
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(44,526)	(20,764)
Advances to suppliers, net	<u>\$ 1,786,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,625,820</u>

Note 6 – Prepaid expenses and other current assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Due from third parties (a)	\$ -	\$ 2,055,467
VAT refund receivable	-	399,861
Prepaid travel expenses	32,215	70,860
Other prepaid expenses	-	432,403
Subtotal	32,215	2,958,591
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(21,368)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>\$ 32,215</u>	<u>\$ 2,937,223</u>

(a) As of September 30, 2018, the Company had due from third parties balance of \$2,055,467, which was interest-free and payable upon demand. As of December 31, 2018, the outstanding balance of due from third parties had been fully collected.

Note 7 – Property, plant, and equipment, net

Property, plant, and equipment, stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Property and buildings	\$ 6,840,723	\$ 7,107,832
Machinery and equipment	7,028,522	7,302,964
Office equipment	107,425	101,310
Vehicles	111,554	82,512
Subtotal	14,088,224	14,594,618
Construction in progress	3,530,866	670,457
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,807,713)	(4,017,721)
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 12,811,377</u>	<u>\$ 11,247,354</u>

Depreciation expense was \$942,615 and \$1,031,123 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Note 8 – Land use right, net

Land use right, net consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Land use right	552,192	-
Less: accumulated amortization	(10,124)	-
Land use right, net	<u>\$ 542,068</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Amortization expense was \$10,512 and \$Nil for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

12 months ending September 30,	Amortization expense
2020	\$ 11,470
2021	11,470
2022	11,470
2023	11,470
2024	11,470
Thereafter	484,716
Total	<u>\$ 542,068</u>

Note 9 – Intangible assets, net

Intangible assets, net consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Software	\$ 14,359	\$ 14,920
Purchased patents	994,290	1,033,114
Subtotal	1,008,649	1,048,034
Less: accumulated amortization	(749,038)	(673,483)
Intangible assets, net	\$ 259,611	\$ 374,551

Amortization expense was \$104,739 and \$110,167 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

12 months ending September 30,	Amortization expense
2020	\$ 104,762
2021	104,762
2022	50,088
Total	\$ 259,611

Note 10 – Short-term bank loan

On March 25, 2019, Biopower Plant entered into a credit loan agreement with Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Tahe Branch (“ICBC”) to borrow RMB2 million as the Company’s working capital with a variable interest rate equaling 110% of the prime interest rate set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing. This loan was unsecured and due upon maturity on September 21, 2019. On September 19, 2019, Biopower Plant renewed this loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB1.98 million (equivalent to \$277,374 as of September 30, 2019) as working capital with an interest rate equaling 115% of the prime interest rate set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing (5.0025% as of September 30, 2019). The loan was unsecured and the new maturity date was March 17, 2020. This loan was subsequently fully repaid on March 16, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, Tahe Biopower Plant entered into two loan agreements with ICBC to borrow a total of RMB2 million (equivalent to \$280,200 as of September 30, 2019) as working capital with an interest rate equaling the Loan Prime Rate (the “LPR”) set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing plus 80 bps (4.85%). The maturity date of these two loans is September 12, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, Tahe Biopower Plant entered into another loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB1 million (equivalent to \$140,100 as of September 30, 2019) as working capital with an interest rate equaling the LPR set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing plus 80 bps (4.85%). The maturity date of this loan is September 13, 2020.

Note 11 – Accrued expenses and other current liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Accrued professional service fees	\$ 285,000	\$ -
Payroll payable	222,899	160,402
Other current liabilities	128,231	145,775
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 636,130	\$ 306,177

Note 12 – Related party transactions

The relationship and the nature of related party transactions are summarized as follow:

Name of Related Party	Relationship to the Company	Nature of Transactions
Zhengyu Wang*	Former CEO and Chairman of Board of Directors	Working capital loan
Yefang Zhang**	Former CEO’s wife and former Sole Director	Share issuance and working capital loan
Forasen Group Co., Ltd.	Owned by the former CEO and Chairman of Board of Directors	Working capital loan

* Zhengyu Wang ceased to be the Company’s CEO, chairman of board of directors, and director on June 22, 2020.

** Yefang Zhang ceased to be the Company’s director on August 26, 2019.

Share Issuance to Related Parties

On November 23, 2018, the Company issued 50,000 ordinary shares to Global Clean Energy Limited, a business company with limited liability organized under the laws of British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by the Company’s then sole director, Yefang Zhang, in exchange for 35.81% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen in connection with the establishment of CN Energy.

Due from related parties consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Zhengyu Wang	\$ -	\$ 148,713
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 148,713</u>

The Company loaned funds to its related parties for business purposes. The balance due from related parties was interest-free and due upon demand. As of April 18, 2019, the balance due from the related party had been fully collected.

Due to related parties consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
Yefang Zhang	\$ 275,000	\$ -
Forasen Group Co., Ltd.	339,217	-
Total	<u>\$ 614,217</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Company periodically received loans from its related parties for working capital. The balance due to related parties is interest-free, unsecured, and due upon demand.

Note 13 – Taxes

Corporation Income Tax (“CIT”)

The Company is subject to income taxes on an entity basis on income derived from the location in which each entity is domiciled.

CN Energy is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands as an offshore holding company and is not subject to tax on income or capital gain under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

Energy Holdings is incorporated in Hong Kong as a holding company with no activities. Under the Hong Kong tax laws, an entity is not subject to income tax if no revenue is generated in Hong Kong.

Under the Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”) Law of the PRC, domestic enterprises and Foreign Investment Enterprises (the “FIE”) are usually subject to a unified 25% EIT rate while preferential tax rates, tax holidays, and even tax exemption may be granted on case-by-case basis. The PRC tax authorities grant preferential tax treatment to High and New Technology Enterprises (“HNTEs”). Under this preferential tax treatment, HNTEs are entitled to an income tax rate of 15%, subject to a requirement that they re-apply for HNTE status every three years. Since Khingan Forasen was approved as an HNTE in November 2016, Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Biopower Plant, are entitled to a reduced income tax rate of 15% beginning November 2016. In addition, 10% of the revenue of Biopower Plant from selling activated carbon were exempt from income tax for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, because Biopower Plant met the requirement of national comprehensive utilization of resources program.

The impact of the reduced tax rate noted above decreased income taxes by \$321,624 and \$277,865 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The benefits of the reduced tax rate and tax exemption on net income per share (basic and diluted) were \$2.30 and \$1.97 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The following table reconciles the statutory rate to the Company’s effective tax rate:

	For the fiscal years ended	
	September 30,	
	2019	2018
China Statutory income tax rate	25.0%	25.0%
Effect of PRC preferential tax rate and tax exemption	(18.1)%	(16.4)%
Research and development (“R&D”) tax credit	(3.7)%	(0.3)%
Effect of non-taxable government subsidy income	(0.9)%	(1.0)%
Non-PRC entities not subject to PRC tax	3.9%	-
Change in valuation allowance	(0.1)%	1.7%
Others	-	(2.3)%
Effective tax rate	6.1%	6.7%

Note 13 – Taxes (Continued)**Corporation Income Tax (“CIT”),(Continued)**

The provision for income tax consisted of the following:

	For the fiscal years ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Current income tax provision	\$ 110,727	\$ -
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	(1,916)	112,629
Income tax provision	<u>\$ 108,811</u>	<u>\$ 112,629</u>

Components of deferred tax assets were as follows:

	For the fiscal years ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 395,492	\$ 412,959
Allowance for doubtful accounts	6,679	5,023
Valuation allowance on net operating loss	(395,492)	(412,959)
Total	<u>\$ 6,679</u>	<u>\$ 5,023</u>

The Company’s PRC subsidiaries had cumulative net operating loss of approximately \$2,170,241 and \$2,254,434 as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, which may be available for reducing future taxable income.

As of each reporting date, management considers evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect its view of the future realization of deferred tax assets. On the basis of this evaluation, valuation allowance of \$395,492 and \$412,959 was recorded against the gross deferred tax asset balance at September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The amount of the deferred tax asset is considered unrealizable because it is more likely than not that the Company will not generate sufficient future taxable income to utilize this portion of the net operating loss. The increase (recovery) in valuation allowance for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, was approximately \$(17,467) and \$14,827, respectively.

Note 14 – Concentration of major customers and suppliers

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, four major customers accounted for approximately 15%, 14%, 12%, and 10% of the Company's total sales, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, one major customer accounted for approximately 44% of the Company's total sales. Any decrease in sales to these major customers may negatively impact the Company's operations and cash flows if the Company fails to increase its sales to other customers.

As of September 30, 2019, three major customers accounted for approximately 27%, 21%, and 20% of the Company's accounts receivable balance, respectively. As of September 30, 2018, three major customers accounted for approximately 31%, 25%, and 11% of the Company's accounts receivable balance, respectively.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, four major suppliers accounted for approximately 13%, 12%, 11%, and 11% of the total purchases, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, five major suppliers accounted for approximately 22%, 21%, 12%, 11%, and 10% of the total purchases, respectively.

As of September 30, 2019, two suppliers accounted for approximately 61% and 17% of the Company's advance to suppliers balance, respectively. As of September 30, 2018, four major suppliers accounted for approximately 33%, 18%, 11%, and 10% of the Company's advance to suppliers balance, respectively.

Note 15 – Commitments and contingencies

Operating Lease Commitments

The Company leases one main office space through May 9, 2020. This lease contains scheduled rent increases or escalation clauses, renewal options, or in some cases, purchase options. Rental expense charged to general and administrative expenses under operating lease for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 amounted to \$56,036 and \$21,510, respectively.

Future minimum lease obligations for operating lease with initial terms in excess of one year at September 30, 2019, are as follows:

12 months ending September 30,

2020	32,316
Total	<u>\$ 32,316</u>

Contingencies

The requirement of employee benefit plans has not been implemented consistently by the local governments in China given the different levels of economic development in different locations. Biopower Plant has not paid adequate social insurance for all its employees, and the Company's PRC subsidiaries have not made adequate housing provident fund payments for all their employees. The relevant PRC authorities may order the Company to make up the contributions to these plans. In addition, failure to make adequate social insurance payments on time may subject the Company to 0.05% late fees per day starting from the date of underpayment and fines equal to one to three times the underpaid amount. For failure to make adequate housing provident fund payments as required, the Company may be fined RMB10,000 to RMB50,000. If the Company is subject to late fees or fines in relation to underpaid employee benefits, the financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. However, the risk of regulatory penalty that the relevant authorities may impose on our PRC subsidiaries in relation to its failure to make adequate contributions to the employee benefit plans for all the Company's employees as required is remote, because the relevant local authorities confirmed in writing that no records of violation were found on the Company's PRC subsidiaries for social insurance plan and/or housing provident fund contributions.

Note 16 – Segment reporting

ASC 280, “Segment Reporting,” establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments on a basis consistent with the Company’s internal organizational structure as well as information about geographical areas, business segments, and major customers in financial statements for details on the Company’s business segments. The Company uses the “management approach” in determining reportable operating segments. The management approach considers the internal organization and reporting used by the Company’s chief operating decision maker for making operating decisions and assessing performance as the source for determining the Company’s reportable segments. The Company’s chief operating decision maker makes operating decisions and assesses performance solely based on activated carbon sales orders received. In addition, the production of activated carbon and the biomass electricity are one integrated process and inseparable. Therefore, the Company has determined that it has only one operating segment and therefore one reportable segment as defined by ASC.

The following table presents revenue by major product categories for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively:

	For the fiscal years ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Activated carbon	\$ 10,491,592	\$ 7,670,000
Biomass electricity	195,721	381,800
Technical service	205,851	40,137
Total	<u>\$ 10,893,164</u>	<u>\$ 8,091,937</u>

All of the Company’s long-lived assets are located in the PRC. All of the Company’s products are sold in the PRC.

Note 17 – Stockholders’ equity

Ordinary shares

CN Energy is a holding company established under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018. The original authorized and issued number of ordinary shares was 50,000 shares with a par value of \$1.00 per share. In August 2019, the Company amended its Memorandum of Association to increase its authorized shares from 50,000 shares with a par value of \$1.00 per share to an unlimited number of ordinary shares with no par value, and subdivide the already issued 50,000 shares to 139,627 shares with no par value. On April 15, 2020, the Company’s shareholders and board of directors approved a forward split of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share on April 20, 2020, resulting in the 10,000,000 ordinary shares issued and outstanding after the forward split. (Note 18). As a part to the Company’s recapitalization prior to the completion of its initial public offering, the Company has retroactively restated all shares and per share data for all the periods presented.

Statutory reserves and restricted net assets

The Company’s ability to pay dividends primarily depends on the Company receiving distributions of funds from its subsidiaries. Relevant PRC statutory laws and regulations permit payments of dividends by the Company’s subsidiaries incorporated in PRC only out of their retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. The results of operations reflected in the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP differ from those reflected in the statutory financial statements of the Company’s subsidiaries.

The Company’s PRC subsidiaries are required to set aside at least 10% of their respective accumulated profits each year, if any, to fund certain reserve funds until the total amount set aside reaches 50% of their respective registered capital. The Company’s PRC subsidiaries may also allocate a portion of its after-tax profits based on PRC accounting standards to employee welfare and bonus funds at their discretion. These reserves together with paid in capital of the Company’s PRC subsidiaries are not distributable as cash dividends. The appropriation to these reserves by the Company’s PRC subsidiaries was \$nil and \$nil for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 due to their accumulated deficit.

Note 18 – Subsequent events

These consolidated financial statements were approved by management and available for issuance on May 1, 2020. The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date these consolidated financial statements were issued.

Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (“COVID-19”) was first identified in Wuhan, China. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic—the first pandemic caused by a coronavirus. The outbreak has reached more than 160 countries, resulting in the implementation of significant governmental measures, including lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans, intended to control the spread of the virus. The Chinese government has ordered quarantines, travel restrictions, and the temporary closure of stores and facilities. Companies are also taking precautions, such as requiring employees to work remotely, imposing travel restrictions and temporarily closing businesses.

Because of the shelter-in-place orders and travel restrictions mandated by the Chinese government, employees of Biopower Plant and Hangzhou Forasen could not return to work on time after the Chinese New Year and the transportation of raw materials and activated carbon was delayed or even stopped during the end of January and February 2020, which adversely impacted the Company’s production and sales during that period. In addition, the Company has suspended the construction of its new facility in Manzhouli City due to the impact of COVID-19 and severe winter weather. Although the production and sales have started to recover since the end of March 2020 and the Company currently expects to continue the construction of its new facility in Manzhouli City in May 2020, if COVID-19 further impacts its production and sales or delays the construction, the Company’s financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows could continue to be adversely affected.

Consequently, the COVID-19 outbreak may materially adversely affect the Company’s business operations and condition and operating results for 2020, including but not limited to material negative impact on its total revenue, slower collection of accounts receivables, and additional allowance for doubtful accounts. Because of the significant uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the extent of the business disruption and the related financial impact at this time.

Forward Split of the Outstanding Ordinary Shares

On April 15, 2020, the shareholders and board of directors of the Company approved (i) a forward split of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of the Company at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share, and (ii) the creation of a new class of convertible preferred shares of no par value. On April 16, 2020, the Company filed its second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs of the British Virgin Islands to effect such corporate actions, which filing became effective on April 20, 2020. The Company believes it is appropriate to reflect the forward split of its ordinary shares on a retroactive basis pursuant to ASC 260. As a result, the Company had an unlimited number of no par value ordinary shares authorized, of which 10,000,000 were issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Issuance of the Convertible Preferred Shares

On April 20, 2020, the Company issued an aggregate of 500,000 Convertible Preferred Shares to two individual investors, Wei Lian and Zhenyan Yu, for a total consideration of \$1,800,000 pursuant to certain Share Purchase Agreement dated April 3, 2020.

The Convertible Preferred Shares have the following characteristics:

Conversion. Upon the register of members being updated at the closing of the Company’s initial public offering, all outstanding Convertible Preferred Shares will be converted automatically at a 10% discount to the initial public offering price in this offering.

Voting. Prior to conversion of Convertible Preferred Shares, holders of Convertible Preferred Shares do not have the right to vote as a shareholder, and upon conversion of Convertible Preferred Shares, holders of then ordinary shares will have the same voting rights and vote together with the holders of ordinary shares, and not as a separate class, except where otherwise required by law.

Ranking. Convertible Preferred Shares, before conversion, are senior to ordinary shares with respect to distribution rights upon liquidation.

Dividends. Holders of Convertible Preferred Shares are entitled to an equal share in any dividend paid to the Convertible Preferred Share class.

The Company did not identify any other subsequent events that would have required adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 19 – Condensed financial information of the parent company

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 12-04(a), 5-04(c), and 4-08(e)(3) of Regulation S-X, the condensed financial information of the parent company shall be filed when the restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries exceed 25% of consolidated net assets as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year. The Company performed a test on the restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries in accordance with such requirement and concluded that it was applicable to the Company as the restricted net assets of the Company’s PRC subsidiaries exceeded 25% of the consolidated net assets of the Company. Therefore, the condensed financial statements of the parent company are included herein.

For purposes of the above test, restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries shall mean that amount of the Company’s proportionate share of net assets of consolidated subsidiaries (after intercompany eliminations) which as of the end of the most recent fiscal year may not be transferred to the parent company by subsidiaries in the form of loans, advances, or cash dividends without the consent of a third party.

The condensed financial information of the parent company has been prepared using the same accounting policies as set out in the Company’s consolidated financial statements except that the parent company used the equity method to account for investment in its subsidiaries. Such investment is presented on the condensed balance sheets as “Investment in subsidiaries” and the respective profit or loss as “Equity in earnings of subsidiaries” on the condensed statements of income.

The footnote disclosures contain supplemental information relating to the operations of the Company and, as such, these statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted.

The Company did not pay any dividend for the periods presented. As of September 30, 2019 and 2018, there were no material contingencies, significant provisions for long-term obligations, or guarantees of the Company, except for those separately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, if any.

Note 19 – Condensed financial information of the parent company (Continued)

**CN ENERGY GROUP, INC.
PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS**

	<u>As of September 30, 2019</u>	<u>As of September 30, 2018</u>
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Deferred offering costs	\$ 280,000	\$ -
Investment in subsidiaries	18,275,613	17,040,201
Total assets	<u>\$ 18,555,613</u>	<u>\$ 17,040,201</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to related party	\$ 275,000	\$ -
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	285,000	-
Total current liabilities	<u>560,000</u>	<u>-</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Ordinary shares, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized, 10,000,000 shares issued and outstanding*	14,005,621	14,005,621
Additional paid-in capital	7,890,199	7,890,199
Accumulated deficit	(1,955,766)	(3,623,578)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,944,441)	(1,232,041)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>17,995,613</u>	<u>17,040,201</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 18,555,613</u>	<u>\$ 17,040,201</u>

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

Note 19 – Condensed financial information of the parent company (Continued)

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
PARENT COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the Years Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	\$ (280,000)	\$ -
EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF SUBSIDIARIES	1,947,812	1,562,618
NET INCOME	1,667,812	1,562,618
FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENT	(712,400)	(578,092)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<u>\$ 955,412</u>	<u>\$ 984,526</u>

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
PARENT COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 1,667,812	\$ 1,562,618
Adjustments to reconcile net cash flows from operating activities:		
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	(1,947,812)	(1,562,618)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	130,000	-
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from related party loans	150,000	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGES IN CASH	-	-
CASH, beginning of year	-	-
CASH, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH ACTIVITIES:		
Accrued deferred offering costs	\$ 155,000	\$ -
Deferred offering costs funded by a related party through related party loans	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

	March 31,	September 30,
	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 1,043,942	\$ 1,560,335
Accounts receivable	4,375,444	4,178,825
Inventory	2,415,702	2,450,799
Advances to suppliers, net	2,193,910	1,786,926
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	38,417	32,215
Total current assets	10,067,415	10,009,100
Property, plant and equipment, net	12,437,940	12,811,377
Intangible assets, net	202,154	259,611
Land use right, net	540,238	542,068
Long-term deposits	282,104	280,176
Deferred offering costs	382,673	313,040
Deferred tax assets	5,039	6,679
Total Assets	\$ 23,917,563	\$ 24,222,051
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term bank loans	\$ 423,156	\$ 277,374
Accounts payable	3,009,553	3,947,099
Deferred revenue - current portion	101,416	100,723
Due to related parties	308,409	614,217
Taxes payable	83,148	146,613
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	756,945	636,130
Total current liabilities	4,682,627	5,722,156
Deferred revenue	598,096	504,282
Total liabilities	5,280,723	6,226,438
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Ordinary shares, no par value, unlimited number of ordinary shares authorized, 10,000,000 ordinary shares issued and outstanding*	14,005,621	14,005,621
Additional paid-in capital	7,890,199	7,890,199
Accumulated deficit	(1,432,939)	(1,955,766)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,826,041)	(1,944,441)
Total stockholders' equity	18,636,840	17,995,613
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 23,917,563	\$ 24,222,051

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2020	2019
Revenues	\$ 3,943,459	\$ 4,768,077
Cost of revenues	(2,852,551)	(3,356,376)
Gross profit	1,090,908	1,411,701
Operating expenses:		
Selling expenses	100,845	125,121
General and administrative expenses	470,234	413,428
Research and development expenses	225,792	432,431
Total operating expenses	796,871	970,980
Income from operations	294,037	440,721
Other income (expenses):		
Interest income (expense), net	(7,024)	237
Government subsidy income	256,421	263,832
Other income, net	2,909	873
Total other income, net	252,306	264,942
Income before income taxes	546,343	705,663
Provision for income taxes	23,516	21,526
Net income	522,827	684,137
Other comprehensive income:		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	118,400	416,013
Comprehensive income	\$ 641,227	\$ 1,100,150
Earnings per share – basic and diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.07
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted*	10,000,000	10,000,000

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

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CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AND 2019
(UNAUDITED)

	Ordinary Share		Additional Paid- in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total
	Shares*	Amount				
Balance at September 30, 2018	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (3,623,578)	\$ (1,232,041)	\$ 17,040,201
Net income for the period	-	-	-	684,137	-	684,137
Foreign currency translation gain	-	-	-	-	416,013	416,013
Balance at March 31, 2019	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (2,939,441)	\$ (816,028)	\$ 18,140,351
Balance at September 30, 2019	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (1,955,766)	\$ (1,944,441)	\$ 17,995,613
Net income for the period	-	-	-	522,827	-	522,827
Foreign currency translation gain	-	-	-	-	118,400	118,400
Balance at March 31, 2020	10,000,000	\$ 14,005,621	\$ 7,890,199	\$ (1,432,939)	\$ (1,826,041)	\$ 18,636,840

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Six Months Ended March	
	31,	
	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 522,827	\$ 684,137
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	467,115	489,126
Amortization expense of intangible assets and land use right	65,520	57,509
Changes in bad debts allowances	(11,364)	(22,127)
Deferred income taxes	1,705	2,015
Deferred revenue	91,343	(52,626)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(169,719)	1,723,517
Inventory	52,536	(47,872)
Advances to suppliers	(387,689)	(2,014,703)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(6,047)	2,734,260
Long-term deposits	-	1,844
Accounts payable	(975,378)	(2,881,825)
Advances from customers	-	(29,790)
Taxes payable	(65,187)	(141,897)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	214,455	(119,177)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(199,883)	382,391
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(413)	(2,712)
Purchase of land use right	-	(577,021)
Notes receivable	-	97,933
Collection of loans to related parties	-	73,818
Net cash used in investing activities	(413)	(407,982)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Deferred offering costs	(26,908)	(63,822)
Repayment of loans from related party	(451,219)	-
Proceeds from short-term bank loans	145,464	292,774
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(332,663)	228,952
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	16,566	48,585
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(516,393)	251,946
Cash, beginning of period	1,560,335	1,896,802
Cash, end of period	\$ 1,043,942	\$ 2,148,748
Supplemental disclosure information:		
Cash paid for income tax	\$ 60,716	\$ -
Cash paid for interest	\$ 7,181	\$ -
Supplemental non-cash activities:		
Accrued deferred offering costs	\$ 34,650	\$ -
Other payables funded by a related party through related party loans	\$ 130,000	\$ -
Deferred offering costs funded by a related party through related party loans	\$ 8,142	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Note 1 – Organization and nature of business

CN ENERGY GROUP, INC. (“CN Energy”) is a holding company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018. CN Energy, through its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”), is a manufacturer and supplier of wood-based activated carbon that is primarily used in pharmaceutical manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, water purification, environmental protection, and food and beverage production (“Activated Carbon Production”), and a producer of biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon (“Biomass Electricity Production”).

Reorganization

In connection with its proposed initial public offering, the Company has undertaken a reorganization of its legal structure (the “Reorganization”). The Reorganization involved the incorporation of CN Energy, a British Virgin Islands holding company; the incorporation of CLEAN ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (“Energy Holdings”), a Hong Kong holding company; the incorporation of Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd. (“Zhejiang CN Energy”) and Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd. (“Manzhouli CN Energy”), two new wholly foreign-owned enterprises (“WFOE”) formed by Energy Holdings under the laws of the People’s Republic of China (“China” or the “PRC”); the incorporation of Manzhouli CN Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Manzhouli CN Technology”), a PRC company, of which 90% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Energy, and the remaining 10% by Zhejiang CN Energy; the incorporation of CN Energy Industrial Development Co., Ltd. (“CN Energy Development”), a PRC company, of which 70% of the equity interests are owned by Manzhouli CN Technology and the remaining 30% by Zhejiang CN Energy; and the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Khingang Forasen”) by CN Energy Development; and the issuance of 10,000,000 ordinary shares of CN Energy (reflecting an approximate or rounded 71.62-for-1 forward split of the Company’s ordinary shares on April 20, 2020) to the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen. In relation to the Reorganization, a series of agreements were signed among CN Energy, the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen, CN Energy Development, and offshore holding companies controlled by the original shareholders of Khingan Forasen on August 12, 2019 and August 28, 2019.

All share amounts and per share amounts have been presented giving effect to the forward split. The Company has retroactively restated all shares and per share data for all the periods presented.

As a result of the Reorganization, CN Energy, the ultimate holding company, owns 100% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, which in turn owns 100% of the equity interests of Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd. (“Hangzhou Forasen”) and Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (“Zhongxing Energy”).

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 805-50-25, the Reorganization has been accounted for as a recapitalization among entities under common control since the same shareholders controlled all these entities prior to the Reorganization. The consolidation of CN Energy and its subsidiaries has been accounted for at historical cost and prepared on the basis as if the aforementioned transactions had become effective as of the beginning of the first period presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Results of operations for the period presented comprise those of the previously separate entities combined from the beginning of the period to the end of the period. By eliminating the effects of intra-entity transactions in determining the results of operations for the period before the Reorganization, those results will be on substantially the same basis as the results of operations for the period after the date of Reorganization.

The effects of intra-entity transactions on current assets, current liabilities, revenue, and cost of sales for periods presented and on retained earnings (accumulated deficit) at the beginning of the periods presented are eliminated to the extent possible. Furthermore, ASC 805-50-45-5 indicates that the financial statements and financial information presented for prior years also shall be retrospectively adjusted to furnish comparative information.

Upon the completion of the Reorganization, the Company has subsidiaries in countries and jurisdictions including the PRC, Hong Kong, and British Virgin Islands. Details of the subsidiaries of the Company are set out below:

Note 1 – Organization and nature of business (Continued)Reorganization (Continued)

Name of Entity	Date of Incorporation	Place of Incorporation	% of Ownership	Principal Activities
CN Energy	November 23, 2018	British Virgin Islands	Parent	Holding Company
Energy Holdings	August 29, 2013	Hong Kong	100%	Holding Company
Zhejiang CN Energy	January 14, 2019	Zhejiang, China	100%	Holding Company
Manzhouli CN Energy	January 24, 2019	Inner Mongolia, China	100%	Holding Company
Manzhouli CN Technology	June 10, 2019	Inner Mongolia, China	100%	Holding Company
CN Energy Development	April 18, 2019	Zhejiang, China	100%	Holding Company
Khingan Forasen	March 5, 2009	Heilongjiang, China	100%	Produces and distributes activated carbon and biomass electricity
Hangzhou Forasen	March 16, 2006	Zhejiang, China	100%	Distributes activated carbon products
Zhongxing Energy	May 21, 2018	Inner Mongolia, China	100%	Expected to produce activated carbon and steam for heating in the future

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policiesBasis of presentation and principles of consolidation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) for interim financial information pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and have been consistently applied. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018. Operating results for the six months ended March 31, 2020 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending September 30, 2020.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company reflect the principal activities of CN Energy and its subsidiaries. All significant inter-company balances and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Use of estimates

In preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, the valuation of inventory, accounts receivable, advances to suppliers, useful lives of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, the recoverability of long-lived assets, provision necessary for contingent liabilities, revenue recognition, and realization of deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less and money market accounts to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains all of its bank accounts in the PRC. Cash balances in bank accounts in the PRC are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other programs. As of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, the Company had no cash equivalents.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses. The Company reviews its accounts receivable on a periodic basis and makes general and specific allowances when there is doubt as to the collectability of individual balances. In evaluating the collectability of individual receivable balances, the Company considers many factors, including the age of the balance, customer's historical payment history, customer's current credit-worthiness, and current economic trends. Accounts are written off against the allowance after efforts at collection prove unsuccessful.

Inventory

The Company values its inventory at the lower of cost, determined on a weighted average basis, or net realizable value. Costs include the cost of raw materials, freight, direct labor, and related production overhead. Net realizable value is estimated using selling price in the normal course of business less any costs to complete and sell products. The Company reviews its inventory periodically to determine if any reserves are necessary for potential obsolescence or if the carrying value exceeds net realizable value. No inventory reserves were recorded as of March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2019.

Advances to suppliers

Advances to suppliers consist of balances paid to suppliers for services and materials that have not been provided or received. The Company reviews its advances to suppliers on a periodic basis and makes general and specific allowances when there is doubt as to the ability of a supplier to provide supplies to the Company or refund an advance.

Property, plant, and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its present working condition and location for its intended use.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Property, plant, and equipment (Continued)

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The estimated useful lives for significant property and equipment are as follows:

	<u>Useful life</u>
Property and buildings	20 years
Machinery and equipment	10 years
Vehicles	4 years
Office equipment	3 - 5 years

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs, which do not materially extend the useful lives of the assets, are charged to expense as incurred. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments which substantially extend the useful life of assets are capitalized. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets retired or sold are removed from the respective accounts, and any gain or loss is recognized in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income in income from operations.

Construction-in-progress represents property and buildings under construction and consists of construction expenditures, equipment procurement, and other direct costs attributable to the construction. Construction-in-progress is not depreciated. Upon completion and ready for intended use, construction-in-progress is reclassified to the appropriate category within property, plant, and equipment.

Land use right

Land use right is recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life which is 50 years and represents the shorter of the estimated usage period or the terms of the agreement.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist primarily of patents and software. Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization, which are amortized using the straight-line method with the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Useful life</u>
Patents	10 years
Software	10 years

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets, including definitive-lived intangible assets, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the estimated cash flows from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition are below the asset's carrying value, then the asset is deemed to be impaired and written down to its fair value. There were no impairments of these assets as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Fair value of financial instruments

ASC 825-10 requires certain disclosures regarding the fair value of financial instruments. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-level fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted market prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and inputs derived from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable.

Unless otherwise disclosed, the fair value of the Company's financial instruments including cash, accounts receivable, advances to suppliers, prepaid expenses and other current assets, short-term bank loans, accounts payable, deferred revenue, due to related parties, taxes payable, and accrued expenses and other current liabilities approximate their recorded values due to their short-term maturities.

Revenue recognition

The Company accounts for revenue recognition under Accounting Standards Codification 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASC 606"). Revenue of the Company is mainly from the sale of two types of products, activated carbon and biomass electricity generated in the process of producing activated carbon. For the sale of activated carbon, the Company recognizes revenue when title and risk of loss passes and the customer accepts the products, which occurs at delivery. Product delivery is evidenced by warehouse shipping log as well as signed shipping bills from the shipping company, or by receipt document signed by the customer upon delivery, depending on the delivery term negotiated between the Company and customers on a customer-by-customer basis. For the sale of biomass electricity, revenue is recognized over time as the biomass electricity is delivered, which occurs when the biomass electricity is transmitted from the power plant of the Company to the provincial power grid company. The amount is based on the reading of meters, which occurs on a systematic basis throughout each reporting period and represents the market value of the biomass electricity delivered.

The Company also provides technical service to customers who purchase activated carbon from the Company. The revenue of technical service is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period as earned.

The transaction price of activated carbon is determined based on fixed consideration in the Company's customer contracts. Pursuant to the power purchase agreements entered into between the Company and the respective provincial power grid company, the Company's sales of biomass electricity were made to the power grid company at the tariff rates agreed with the provincial power grid company as approved by the relevant government authorities in the PRC. In determining the transaction price, no significant financing components exist since the timing from when the Company invoices its customers to when payment is received is less than one year.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue is reported net of all value added taxes. The Company generally does not permit customers to return products and historically, customer returns have been immaterial. In the event the Company receives an advance from a customer, such advance is recorded as a liability to the Company. The Company reduces the liability and recognizes revenue after the delivery of goods occurs.

The core principle underlying the revenue recognition ASC 606 is that the Company recognizes revenue to represent the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in such exchange. This requires the Company to identify contractual performance obligations and determine whether revenue should be recognized at a point in time or over time, based on when control of goods and services transfers to a customer. The Company's sales contracts of activated carbon have one single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual goods is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and is, therefore, not distinct. Therefore, the sale of activated carbon is recognized at a point in time. The Company's sales contracts of biomass electricity have a single performance obligation that represents a promise to transfer to the customer a series of distinct goods that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer. The Company's performance obligation is satisfied over time as biomass electricity is delivered.

The contract assets are recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as accounts receivable as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019. For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, revenue recognized from performance obligations related to prior periods was insignificant. Revenue expected to be recognized in any future periods related to remaining performance obligations is insignificant.

The Company has elected the following practical expedients in applying ASC 606:

- Unsatisfied Performance Obligations – for all performance obligations relate to contracts with a duration of less than one year, the Company has elected to apply the optional exemption provided in ASC 606, and therefore is not required to disclose the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period.
- Contract Costs - all incremental customer contract acquisition costs are expensed as they are incurred as the amortization period of the asset that the Company otherwise would have recognized is one year or less in duration.
- Significant Financing Component - the Company does not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component as the Company expects, at contract inception, that the period between when the Company transfers a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for that good or service will be one year or less.
- Sales Tax Exclusion from the Transaction Price - the Company excludes from the measurement of the transaction price all taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction and collected by the Company from the customer.
- Shipping and Handling Activities - the Company elected to account for shipping and handling activities as a fulfillment cost rather than as a separate performance obligation.

Refer to “Note 15—Segment reporting” for details of revenue disaggregation.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Cost of revenues

Cost of revenues includes cost of raw materials purchased, inbound freight cost, cost of direct labor, depreciation expense, and other overhead. Write-down of inventory for lower of cost or net realizable value adjustments is also recorded in cost of revenues.

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses include costs directly attributable to the conduct of research and development projects, including the cost of salaries and other employee benefits. All costs associated with research and development are expensed as incurred.

Shipping and handling

All shipping and handling costs are expensed as incurred and included in selling expenses. Total shipping and handling expenses were \$74,322 and \$114,841 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Government subsidy income

The Company receives various government grants from time to time. There is no guarantee that the Company will continue to receive such grants in the future. For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had subsidy income of \$256,421 and \$263,832, including \$51,269 and \$52,627 for equipment of energy projects grants, and \$205,152 and \$211,205 of value-added tax refund, respectively.

In January 2014, April 2014 and December 2019, the Company received government subsidies of approximately \$840,000, \$140,000 and \$140,000 for equipment of energy projects, respectively. These subsidies were one-time grants, and the Company recognizes the income over the useful lives of the equipment. As of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, the balance of unrecognized government grants was \$699,512 and \$605,005, respectively, which was recorded in deferred revenue. During the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, \$51,269 and \$52,627 was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

Income taxes

The Company's subsidiaries in the PRC and Hong Kong are subject to the income tax laws of the PRC and Hong Kong. No taxable income was generated outside the PRC for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019. The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes." ASC 740 requires an asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for income taxes and allows recognition and measurement of deferred tax assets based upon the likelihood of realization of tax benefits in future years. Under the asset and liability approach, deferred taxes are provided for the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. A valuation allowance is provided for deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not these items will either expire before the Company is able to realize their benefits, or future deductibility is uncertain.

ASC 740-10-25 prescribes a more-likely-than-not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken (or expected to be taken) in a tax return. It also provides guidance on the recognition of income tax assets and liabilities, classification accounting for interest and penalties associated with tax positions, years open for tax examination, accounting for income taxes in interim periods and income tax disclosures. There were no material uncertain tax positions as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019. As of March 31, 2020, the tax years ended December 31, 2015, through December 31, 2019 for the Company's PRC subsidiaries remain open for statutory examination by PRC tax authorities.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Value added tax (“VAT”)

Sales revenue represents the invoiced value of goods, net of VAT. The VAT is based on gross sales price and VAT rates range up to 13%, depending on the type of products sold. The VAT may be offset by VAT paid by the Company on raw materials and other materials included in the cost of producing or acquiring its finished products. The Company recorded a VAT payable or receivable net of payments in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. All of the VAT returns filed by the Company’s subsidiaries in the PRC, have been and remain subject to examination by the tax authorities for five years from the date of filing.

Each local tax authority at times may grant tax holidays to local enterprises as a way to encourage entrepreneurship and stimulate local economy. Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Tahe Biopower Plant (“Biopower Plant”), are entitled to obtained 70% VAT refund as they meet the requirement of national comprehensive utilization of resources program. For the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, the amount of \$205,152 and \$211,205 VAT refund was recorded in government subsidy income, respectively.

Concentrations of credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, accounts receivable, and advances to suppliers. Most of the Company’s cash is maintained with banks within the PRC of which no deposits are covered by insurance. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. A significant portion of the Company’s sales are credit sales which are primarily to customers whose ability to pay is dependent upon the industry economics prevailing in these areas. The Company also makes cash advances to certain suppliers to ensure the stable supply of key raw materials. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and key suppliers to help further reduce credit risk.

Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income consists of two components, net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income refers to revenue, expenses, gains, and losses that under U.S. GAAP are recorded as an element of stockholders’ equity but are excluded from net income. Other comprehensive income consists of foreign currency translation adjustment from the Company not using U.S. dollar as its functional currency.

Foreign currency translation

The Company’s financial information is presented in U.S. dollars. The functional currency of the Company is the Renminbi (“RMB”), the currency of the PRC. Any transactions denominated in currencies other than RMB are translated into RMB at the exchange rate quoted by the People’s Bank of China prevailing at the dates of the transactions, and exchange gains and losses are included in the statements of income as foreign currency transaction gain or loss. The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been translated into U.S. dollars in accordance with ASC 830, “Foreign Currency Matters.” The financial information is first prepared in RMB and then translated into U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates for assets and liabilities and average exchange rates for revenue and expenses. Capital accounts are translated at their historical exchange rates when the capital transactions occurred. The effects of foreign currency translation adjustments are included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders’ equity.

The exchange rates in effect as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, were RMB1 for \$0.1411 and \$0.1401, respectively. The average exchange rates for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, were RMB1 for \$0.1426 and \$0.1464, respectively.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Statement of cash flows

In accordance with ASC 230, “Statement of Cash Flows,” cash flows from the Company’s operations are formulated based upon the local currencies, and then translated at average translation rates for the periods. As a result, amounts related to assets and liabilities reported on the statements of cash flows will not necessarily agree with changes in the corresponding balances on the balance sheets.

Risks and uncertainties

The operations of the Company are located in the PRC. Accordingly, the Company’s business, financial condition, and results of operations may be influenced by the political, economic, and legal environments in the PRC, in addition to the general state of the PRC economy. The Company’s results may be adversely affected by changes in the political and social conditions in the PRC, and by changes in governmental policies with respect to laws and regulations, anti-inflationary measures, currency conversion and remittance abroad, and rates and methods of taxation, among other things.

The Company’s sales, purchases, and expense transactions are denominated in RMB, and all of the Company’s assets and liabilities are also denominated in RMB. The RMB is not freely convertible into foreign currencies under the current law. In the PRC, foreign exchange transactions are required by law to be transacted only by authorized financial institutions at exchange rates set by the People’s Bank of China, the central bank of the PRC. Remittances in currencies other than RMB may require certain supporting documentation in order to effect the remittance.

The Company does not carry any business interruption insurance, product liability insurance, or any other insurance policy except for a limited property insurance policy. As a result, the Company may incur uninsured losses, increasing the possibility that investors would lose their entire investment in the Company.

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (“COVID-19”) was first identified in Wuhan, China. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic—the first pandemic caused by a coronavirus. The outbreak has reached more than 160 countries, resulting in the implementation of significant governmental measures, including lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans, intended to control the spread of the virus. The Chinese government has ordered quarantines, travel restrictions, and the temporary closure of stores and facilities. Companies are also taking precautions, such as requiring employees to work remotely, imposing travel restrictions and temporarily closing businesses.

Because of the shelter-in-place orders and travel restrictions mandated by the Chinese government, employees of Biopower Plant and Hangzhou Forasen could not return to work on time after the Chinese New Year and the transportation of raw materials and activated carbon was delayed or even stopped during January and February 2020, which adversely impacted the Company’s production and sales, as well as the construction of its new facility in Manzhouli City, during that period. Although the production and sales have started to recover since the end of March 2020 and the Company currently expects to continue the construction of its new facility in Manzhouli City in August 2020, if COVID-19 further impacts its production and sales or delays the construction, the Company’s financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows could continue to be adversely affected.

Although the COVID-19 outbreak seems to have been under relative control in China since May 2020, it may continue to materially adversely affect the Company’s business operations and condition and operating results for 2020, including but not limited to material negative impact on its total revenue, slower collection of accounts receivables, and additional allowance for doubtful accounts. Because of the significant uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the extent of the business disruption and the related financial impact at this time.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The main objective is to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, for (1) public business entities, (2) not-for-profit entities that have issued, or are conduit bond obligors for, securities that are traded, listed, or quoted on an exchange or an over-the-counter market, and (3) employee benefit plans that file financial statements with the SEC. In July 2018, the FASB issued an update that provided an additional transition option that allows companies to continue applying the guidance under the lease standard in effect at that time in the comparative periods presented in the consolidated financial statements. Companies that elect this option would record a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings on the date of adoption. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. The Company adopted this ASU starting October 1, 2019, and evaluated and deemed this standard has no material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): The amendments in this Update require a financial asset (or a group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The amendments broaden the information that an entity must consider in developing its expected credit loss estimate for assets measured either collectively or individually. The use of forecasted information incorporates more timely information in the estimate of expected credit loss, which will be more decision useful to users of the financial statements. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2019 for issuers and December 15, 2020 for non-issuers. Early adoption is permitted for all entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. In May 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-05, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Targeted Transition Relief. This update adds optional transition relief for entities to elect the fair value option for certain financial assets previously measured at amortized cost basis to increase comparability of similar financial assets. The updates should be applied through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective (that is, a modified retrospective approach). In November 19, 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 to amend the effective date for ASU 2016-13 to be fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022 and interim periods therein. The Company will adopt this ASU within annual reporting period of September 30, 2024 and expects that the adoption will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, “Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement,” to improve the effectiveness of disclosures in the notes to financial statements related to recurring or nonrecurring fair value measurements by removing amounts and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the policy for timing of transfers between levels, and the valuation processes for Level 3 fair value measurements. The new standard requires disclosure of the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements. The amendments in this update are effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company expects that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes,” which removes certain exceptions to the general principles in Topic 740, and also improves consistent application of and simplify U.S. GAAP for other areas of Topic 740 by clarifying and amending existing guidance. For public business entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2020. For all other entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption of the amendments is permitted. The Company expects that the adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

The Company does not believe other recently issued but not yet effective accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on the Company’s consolidated financial position, statements of operations and cash flows.

Reclassification

Non-current portion of deferred revenue as of September 30, 2019 was reclassified for comparative presentation purposes.

Note 3 – Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 4,375,444	\$ 4,178,825
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 4,375,444</u>	<u>\$ 4,178,825</u>

Note 4 – Inventory

Inventory consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Raw materials	\$ 840,358	\$ 1,312,616
Finished goods	1,575,344	1,138,183
Total	<u>\$ 2,415,702</u>	<u>\$ 2,450,799</u>

Note 5 – Advances to suppliers, net

Advances to suppliers represent prepayments made to ensure continuous high-quality supply and favorable purchase prices. Advances to suppliers consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Advances for raw materials purchase	\$ 2,227,503	\$ 1,831,452
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(33,593)	(44,526)
Advances to suppliers, net	<u>\$ 2,193,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,786,926</u>

Note 6 – Property, plant, and equipment, net

Property, plant, and equipment, stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Property and buildings	\$ 7,094,848	\$ 6,840,723
Machinery and equipment	7,076,888	7,028,522
Office equipment	108,165	107,425
Vehicles	112,321	111,554
Subtotal	<u>14,392,222</u>	<u>14,088,224</u>
Construction in progress	3,315,068	3,530,866
Less: accumulated depreciation	(5,269,350)	(4,807,713)
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 12,437,940</u>	<u>\$ 12,811,377</u>

Depreciation expense was \$467,115 and \$489,126 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 7 – Land use right, net

Land use right, net consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Land use right	\$ 555,992	\$ 552,192
Less: accumulated amortization	(15,754)	(10,124)
Land use right, net	<u>\$ 540,238</u>	<u>\$ 542,068</u>

Amortization expense was \$5,622 and \$4,809 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

12 months ending March 31,	Amortization expense
2021	\$ 11,244
2022	11,244
2023	11,244
2024	11,244
2025	11,244
Thereafter	484,018
Total	<u>\$ 540,238</u>

Note 8 – Intangible assets, net

Intangible assets, net consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Software	\$ 14,458	\$ 14,359
Purchased patents	1,001,132	994,290
Subtotal	1,015,590	1,008,649
Less: accumulated amortization	(813,436)	(749,038)
Intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 202,154</u>	<u>\$ 259,611</u>

Amortization expense was \$59,898 and \$52,700 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

12 months ending March 31,	Amortization expense
2021	\$ 102,682
2022	99,472
Total	<u>\$ 202,154</u>

Note 9 – Short-term bank loans

On March 25, 2019, Biopower Plant entered into a credit loan agreement with Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Tahe Branch (“ICBC”) to borrow RMB2 million as the Company’s working capital with an interest rate equaling 110% of the prime interest rate set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing. This loan was unsecured and due upon maturity on September 21, 2019. On September 19, 2019, Biopower Plant renewed this loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB1.98 million (equivalent to \$277,374 as of September 30, 2019) as working capital with an interest rate equaling 115% of the prime interest rate set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing (5.0025% as of September 30, 2019). The loan was unsecured and the new maturity date was March 17, 2020. This loan was fully repaid upon maturity on March 16, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, Biopower Plant entered into two loan agreements with ICBC to borrow a total of RMB2 million (equivalent to \$282,104 as of March 31, 2020) as working capital with an interest rate equaling the Loan Prime Rate (the “LPR”) set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing plus 80 bps (4.85%). The Company received the proceeds on March 20, 2020. The loans are unsecured and the maturity date is September 12, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, Biopower Plant entered into another loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB1 million (equivalent to \$141,052 as of March 31, 2020) as working capital with an interest rate equaling the LPR set by the People’s Bank of China at the time of borrowing plus 80 bps (4.85%). The maturity date of this loan is September 13, 2020.

Note 10 – Accrued expenses and other current liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Accrued professional service fees	\$ 339,650	\$ 285,000
Payroll payable	310,618	222,899
Other current liabilities	106,677	128,231
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 756,945</u>	<u>\$ 636,130</u>

Note 11 – Related party transactions

The relationship and the nature of related party transactions are summarized as follow:

<u>Name of Related Party</u>	<u>Relationship to the Company</u>	<u>Nature of Transactions</u>
Yefang Zhang*	Former CEO’s wife and former Sole Director	Share issuance and working capital loan
Forasen Group Co., Ltd.	Owned by former CEO and the Chairman of Board of Directors	Working capital loan

* Yefang Zhang ceased to be the Company’s director on August 26, 2019.

Share Issuance to Related Party

On November 23, 2018, the Company issued 50,000 ordinary shares to Global Clean Energy Limited, a business company with limited liability organized under the laws of British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by the Company’s then sole director, Yefang Zhang, in exchange for 35.81% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen in connection with the establishment of CN Energy.

Due to related parties consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Yefang Zhang	\$ 308,409	\$ 275,000
Forasen Group Co., Ltd.	-	339,217
Total	<u>\$ 308,409</u>	<u>\$ 614,217</u>

The Company periodically received loans from its related parties for working capital. The balance due to related parties is interest-free, unsecured, and due upon demand. As of June 23, 2020, the balance of due to related party had been fully repaid.

Note 12 – Taxes

Corporation Income Tax (“CIT”)

The Company is subject to income taxes on an entity basis on income derived from the location in which each entity is domiciled.

CN Energy is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands as an offshore holding company and is not subject to tax on income or capital gain under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

Energy Holdings is incorporated in Hong Kong as a holding company with no activities. Under the Hong Kong tax laws, an entity is not subject to income tax if no revenue is generated in Hong Kong.

Under the Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”) Law of the PRC, domestic enterprises and Foreign Investment Enterprises (the “FIE”) are usually subject to a unified 25% EIT rate while preferential tax rates, tax holidays, and even tax exemption may be granted on case-by-case basis. The PRC tax authorities grant preferential tax treatment to High and New Technology Enterprises (“HNTEs”). Under this preferential tax treatment, HNTEs are entitled to an income tax rate of 15%, subject to a requirement that they re-apply for HNTE status every three years. Since Khingan Forasen was approved as an HNTE in November 2016, Khingan Forasen and its branch office, Biopower Plant, are entitled to a reduced income tax rate of 15% beginning November 2016. On December 3, 2019, Khingan Forasen was reapproved for its HNTE status and continues to enjoy the reduced income tax rate for the next three years. In addition, 10% of the revenue of Biopower Plant from selling activated carbon were exempt from income tax for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, because Biopower Plant met the requirement of national comprehensive utilization of resources program.

The impact of the reduced tax rate noted above decreased income taxes by \$90,280 and \$132,921 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The benefits of the reduced tax rate and tax exemption on net income per share (basic and diluted) were \$0.01 and \$0.01 for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 12 – Taxes (Continued)**Corporation Income Tax (“CIT”),(Continued)**

The following table reconciles the statutory rate to the Company’s effective tax rate:

	For the six months ended March 31,	
	2020	2019
China statutory income tax rate	25.0 %	25.0 %
Effect of PRC preferential tax rate and tax exemption	(16.5)%	(18.8)%
Research and development (“R&D”) tax credit	(3.4)%	(6.9)%
Effect of non-taxable government subsidy income	(1.4)%	(1.1)%
Non-PRC entities not subject to PRC tax	6.9 %	-
Change in valuation allowance	(6.2)%	2.9 %
Others	(0.1)%	2.0 %
Effective tax rate	<u>4.3 %</u>	<u>3.1 %</u>

The provision for income tax consisted of the following:

	For the six months ended March 31,	
	2020	2019
Current income tax provision	\$ 21,811	\$ 19,511
Deferred income tax provision	1,705	2,015
Income tax provision	<u>\$ 23,516</u>	<u>\$ 21,526</u>

Components of deferred tax assets were as follows:

	March 31, 2020	September 30, 2019
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 364,555	\$ 395,492
Allowance for doubtful accounts	5,039	6,679
Valuation allowance on net operating loss	(364,555)	(395,492)
Total	<u>\$ 5,039</u>	<u>\$ 6,679</u>

The Company’s PRC subsidiaries had cumulative net operating loss of approximately \$2,073,000 and \$2,170,000 as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, respectively, which may be available for reducing future taxable income.

As of each reporting date, management considers evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect its view of the future realization of deferred tax assets. On the basis of this evaluation, valuation allowance of \$364,555 and \$395,492 was recorded against the gross deferred tax asset balance at March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019, respectively. The amount of the deferred tax asset is considered unrealizable because it is more likely than not that the Company will not generate sufficient future taxable income to utilize this portion of the net operating loss. The increase (recovery) in valuation allowance for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, was approximately \$(30,936) and \$30,552, respectively.

Note 13 – Concentration of major customers and suppliers

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, three major customers accounted for approximately 39%, 30%, and 15% of the Company's total sales, respectively. For the six months ended March 31, 2019, three major customers accounted for approximately 24%, 11%, and 10% of the Company's total sales, respectively. Any decrease in sales to these major customers may negatively impact the Company's operations and cash flows if the Company fails to increase its sales to other customers.

As of March 31, 2020, three major customers accounted for approximately 39%, 27%, and 15% of the Company's accounts receivable balance, respectively. As of September 30, 2019, three major customers accounted for approximately 27%, 21%, and 20% of the Company's accounts receivable balance, respectively.

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, two major suppliers accounted for approximately 62% and 17% of the total purchases, respectively. For the six months ended March 31, 2019, six major suppliers accounted for approximately 19%, 17%, 15%, 13%, 11%, and 10% of the total purchases, respectively.

As of March 31, 2020, one supplier accounted for approximately 72% of the Company's advances to suppliers balance. As of September 30, 2019, two suppliers accounted for approximately 61% and 17% of the Company's advances to suppliers balance, respectively.

Note 14 – Commitments and contingencies

Operating Lease Commitments

The Company leases one main office space through August 9, 2020. This lease contains scheduled rent increases or escalation clauses, renewal options, or in some cases, purchase options. Rental expense charged to general and administrative expenses under operating lease for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019 amounted to \$24,730 and \$28,842, respectively.

Future minimum lease obligations for operating lease with initial terms in excess of one year at March 31, 2020, are as follows:

12 months ending March 31,	
2021	22,461
Total	\$ 22,461

Contingencies

The requirement of employee benefit plans has not been implemented consistently by the local governments in China given the different levels of economic development in different locations. Biopower Plant has not paid adequate social insurance for all its employees, and the Company's PRC subsidiaries have not made adequate housing provident fund payments for all their employees. The relevant PRC authorities may order the Company to make up the contributions to these plans. In addition, failure to make adequate social insurance payments on time may subject the Company to 0.05% late fees per day starting from the date of underpayment and fines equal to one to three times the underpaid amount. For failure to make adequate housing provident fund payments as required, the Company may be fined RMB10,000 to RMB50,000. If the Company is subject to late fees or fines in relation to underpaid employee benefits, the financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. However, the risk of regulatory penalty that the relevant authorities may impose on our PRC subsidiaries in relation to its failure to make adequate contributions to the employee benefit plans for all the Company's employees as required is remote, because the relevant local authorities confirmed in writing that no records of violation were found on the Company's PRC subsidiaries for social insurance plan and/or housing provident fund contributions.

Note 15 – Segment reporting

ASC 280, “Segment Reporting,” establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments on a basis consistent with the Company’s internal organizational structure as well as information about geographical areas, business segments, and major customers in financial statements for details on the Company’s business segments. The Company uses the “management approach” in determining reportable operating segments. The management approach considers the internal organization and reporting used by the Company’s chief operating decision maker for making operating decisions and assessing performance as the source for determining the Company’s reportable segments. The Company’s chief operating decision maker makes operating decisions and assesses performance solely based on activated carbon sales orders received. In addition, the production of activated carbon and the biomass electricity are one integrated process and inseparable. Therefore, the Company has determined that it has only one operating segment and therefore one reportable segment as defined by ASC.

The following table presents revenue by major product categories for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

	For the six months ended March 31,	
	2020	2019
Activated carbon	\$ 3,830,221	\$ 4,653,725
Biomass electricity	49,063	114,352
Technical service	64,175	-
Total	\$ 3,943,459	\$ 4,768,077

All of the Company’s long-lived assets are located in the PRC. All of the Company’s products are sold in the PRC.

Note 16 – Stockholders’ equity

Ordinary shares

CN Energy is a holding company established under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on November 23, 2018. The original authorized and issued number of ordinary shares was 50,000 shares with a par value of \$1.00 per share. In August 2019, the Company amended its Memorandum of Association to increase its authorized shares from 50,000 shares with a par value of \$1.00 per share to an unlimited number of ordinary shares with no par value, and subdivide the already issued 50,000 shares to 139,627 shares with no par value. On April 15, 2020, the Company’s shareholders and board of directors approved a forward split of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share on April 20, 2020, resulting in the 10,000,000 ordinary shares issued and outstanding after the forward split. (Note 17). As a part to the Company’s recapitalization prior to the completion of its anticipated initial public offering, the Company has retroactively restated all shares and per share data for all the periods presented.

Statutory reserves and restricted net assets

The Company’s ability to pay dividends primarily depends on the Company receiving distributions of funds from its subsidiaries. Relevant PRC statutory laws and regulations permit payments of dividends by the Company’s subsidiaries incorporated in PRC only out of their retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. The results of operations reflected in the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP differ from those reflected in the statutory financial statements of the Company’s subsidiaries.

Note 16 – Stockholders' equity (Continued)

Statutory reserves and restricted net assets (Continued)

The Company's PRC subsidiaries are required to set aside at least 10% of their respective accumulated profits each year, if any, to fund certain reserve funds until the total amount set aside reaches 50% of their respective registered capital. The Company's PRC subsidiaries may also allocate a portion of its after-tax profits based on PRC accounting standards to employee welfare and bonus funds at their discretion. These reserves together with paid in capital of the Company's PRC subsidiaries are not distributable as cash dividends. The appropriation to these reserves by the Company's PRC subsidiaries was \$nil and \$nil for the six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019 due to their accumulated deficit.

Note 17 – Subsequent events

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by management and available for issuance on July 2, 2020. The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were issued.

Forward Split of the Outstanding Ordinary Shares

On April 15, 2020, the shareholders and board of directors of the Company approved (i) a forward split of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of the Company at an approximate or rounded ratio of 71.62-for-1 share, and (ii) the creation of a new class of convertible preferred shares of no par value. On April 16, 2020, the Company filed its second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs of the British Virgin Islands to effect such corporate actions, which filing became effective on April 20, 2020. The Company believes it is appropriate to reflect the forward split of its ordinary shares on a retroactive basis pursuant to ASC 260. As a result, the Company had an unlimited number of no par value ordinary shares authorized, of which 10,000,000 were issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2019.

Issuance of the Convertible Preferred Shares

On April 20, 2020, the Company issued an aggregate of 500,000 Convertible Preferred Shares to two individual investors, Wei Lian and Zhenyan Yu, for a total consideration of \$1,800,000 pursuant to certain Share Purchase Agreement dated April 3, 2020.

The Convertible Preferred Shares have the following characteristics:

Conversion. Upon the register of members being updated at the closing of the Company's initial public offering, all outstanding Convertible Preferred Shares will be converted automatically at a 10% discount to the initial public offering price in this offering.

Voting. Prior to conversion of Convertible Preferred Shares, holders of Convertible Preferred Shares do not have the right to vote as a shareholder, and upon conversion of Convertible Preferred Shares, holders of then ordinary shares will have the same voting rights and vote together with the holders of ordinary shares, and not as a separate class, except where otherwise required by law.

Ranking. Convertible Preferred Shares, before conversion, are senior to ordinary shares with respect to distribution rights upon liquidation.

Dividends. Holders of Convertible Preferred Shares are entitled to an equal share in any dividend paid to the Convertible Preferred Share class.

Short-term bank loan

On May 22, 2020, Khingan Forasen entered into a short-term loan agreement with ICBC to borrow RMB5 million (approximately \$705,000) as working capital, with an interest rate equaling the LPR set by the People's Bank of China at the time of borrowing plus 50 bps (4.35%). The Company received the proceeds on May 26, 2020. The term of the loan is 12 months from the date the proceeds were received. The loan is guaranteed by a third party, Heilongjiang Xinzheng Financing Guarantee Group Co., Ltd., and property and equipment of Khingan Forasen.

The Company did not identify any other subsequent events that would have required adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 18 – Condensed financial information of the parent company

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 12-04(a), 5-04(c), and 4-08(e)(3) of Regulation S-X, the condensed financial information of the parent company shall be filed when the restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries exceed 25% of consolidated net assets as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year. The Company performed a test on the restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries in accordance with such requirement and concluded that it was applicable to the Company as the restricted net assets of the Company's PRC subsidiaries exceeded 25% of the consolidated net assets of the Company. Therefore, the condensed financial statements of the parent company are included herein.

For purposes of the above test, restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries shall mean that amount of the Company's proportionate share of net assets of consolidated subsidiaries (after intercompany eliminations) which as of the end of the most recent fiscal year may not be transferred to the parent company by subsidiaries in the form of loans, advances, or cash dividends without the consent of a third party.

The condensed financial information of the parent company has been prepared using the same accounting policies as set out in the Company's consolidated financial statements except that the parent company used the equity method to account for investment in its subsidiaries. Such investment is presented on the condensed balance sheets as "Investment in subsidiaries" and the respective profit or loss as "Equity in earnings of subsidiaries" on the condensed statements of income.

The footnote disclosures contain supplemental information relating to the operations of the Company and, as such, these statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted.

The Company did not pay any dividend for the periods presented. As of March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2019, there were no material contingencies, significant provisions for long-term obligations, or guarantees of the Company, except for those separately disclosed in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, if any.

Note 19 – Condensed financial information of the parent company (Continued)

**CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>As of March 31, 2020</u>	<u>As of September 30, 2019</u>
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Deferred offering costs	\$ 322,792	\$ 280,000
Investment in subsidiaries	19,066,840	18,275,613
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,389,632</u>	<u>\$ 18,555,613</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to related party	\$ 413,142	\$ 275,000
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	339,650	285,000
Total current liabilities	<u>752,792</u>	<u>560,000</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Ordinary shares, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized, 10,000,000 shares issued and outstanding*	14,005,621	14,005,621
Additional paid-in capital	7,890,199	7,890,199
Accumulated deficit	(1,432,939)	(1,955,766)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,826,041)	(1,944,441)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>18,636,840</u>	<u>17,995,613</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 19,389,632</u>	<u>\$ 18,555,613</u>

* Retrospectively restated for effect of forward stock split

Note 19 – Condensed financial information of the parent company (Continued)

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
PARENT COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

	For the six months March 31,	
	2020	2019
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	\$ (150,000)	\$ -
EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF SUBSIDIARIES	672,827	684,137
NET INCOME	522,827	684,137
FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENT	118,400	416,013
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<u>\$ 641,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,150</u>

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
PARENT COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	For the six months ended March 31,	
	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 522,827	\$ 684,137
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	(672,827)	(684,137)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	150,000	-
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGES IN CASH	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH, beginning of year	-	-
CASH, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH ACTIVITIES:		
Accrued deferred offering costs	\$ 34,650	\$ -
Other payables funded by a related party through related party loans	<u>\$ 130,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Deferred offering costs funded by a related party through related party loans	<u>\$ 8,142</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Until _____, 2020, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

5,000,000 Ordinary Shares



CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

Prospectus dated [●], 2020

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

British Virgin Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the British Virgin Islands courts to be contrary to public policy, such as to provide indemnification against civil fraud or the consequences of committing a crime. Our amended and restated articles of association provide that, we may indemnify against all expenses, including legal fees, and against all judgements, fines, and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably incurred in connection with legal, administrative, or investigative proceedings any Eligible Person (which is defined in the amended and restated memorandum and articles of association as any "individuals, corporations, trusts, the estates of deceased individuals, partnerships, and unincorporated associations of persons") who is or was:

- (a) a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that the Eligible Person is or was a director; or
- (b) at our request, serving as a director of, or in any other capacity is or was acting for, another body corporate or a partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise.

The above does not apply unless the Eligible Person acted honestly and in good faith and in what he or she believed to be in our best interests and, in the case of criminal proceedings, the Eligible Person had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

For the purposes of the above, a director acts in our best interests if he or she acts in the best interests of our parent or member (or members), in either case, in the circumstances specified in the BVI Act, as the case may be.

The decision of our directors as to whether the person acted honestly and in good faith and with a view to our best interests and as to whether the person had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful is, in the absence of fraud, sufficient for the purposes of our amended and restated articles of association, unless a question of law is involved.

The termination of any proceedings by any judgement, order, settlement, conviction, or the entering of a nolle prosequi does not, by itself, create a presumption that the Eligible Person did not act honestly and in good faith and with a view to our best interests or that the Eligible Person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Expenses, including legal fees, incurred by our director (or our former director) in defending any legal, administrative, or investigative proceedings may be paid by us in advance of the final disposition of such proceedings upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director (or a former director) to repay the amount if it shall ultimately be determined that the director (or a former director) is not entitled to be indemnified by us in accordance with the provisions stated above and upon such other terms and conditions, if any, as we deem appropriate.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to our second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association is not exclusive of any other rights to which the Eligible Person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, resolution of members, resolution of disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to acting in the Eligible Person's official capacity and as to acting in another capacity while serving as a Director.

To the extent permitted by law, we may make a payment, or agree to make a payment, whether by way of advance, loan or otherwise, for any legal costs incurred by an existing or former secretary or any of our officers in respect of any matter identified in above on condition that the secretary or officer must repay the amount paid by us to the extent that it is ultimately found not liable to indemnify the secretary or that officer for those legal costs.

Pursuant to indemnification agreements, the form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this Registration Statement, we will agree to indemnify our directors and officers against certain liabilities and expenses incurred by such persons in connection with claims made by reason of their being such a director or officer.

The underwriting agreement, the form of which will be filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Registration Statement, will also provide for indemnification of us and our officers and directors.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

ITEM 7. RECENT SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES.

During the past three years, we have issued the following securities which were not registered under the Securities Act. We believe that each of the following issuance was exempt from registration under the Securities Act in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act regarding sales by an issuer in offshore transactions. No underwriters were involved in these issuances of securities.

Securities/Purchaser	Date of Issuance	Number of Securities*	Consideration
Ordinary Shares			
Global Clean Energy Limited	November 23, 2018	3,580,969	35.81% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB32,550,000 (approximately \$4,570,529)
Elk International Capital Limited	August 22, 2019	1,502,002	15.02% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB13,650,000 (approximately \$1,924,382)
Sentong Industry Limited	August 22, 2019	1,100,002	11% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB10,000,000 (approximately \$1,409,780)
Xieying Energy Limited	August 22, 2019	1,100,002	11% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB10,000,000 (approximately \$1,409,780)
Yunda Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	791,967	7.92% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB7,200,000 (approximately \$1,015,128)
Xinhe Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	572,024	5.72% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB5,200,000 (approximately \$733,098)
Xintai Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	472,974	4.73% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB4,298,000 (approximately \$605,907)
Spruce International Limited	August 22, 2019	440,030	4.4% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB4,000,000 (approximately \$563,953)
Xingyou Industrial Limited	August 22, 2019	440,030	4.4% of the equity interests of Khingan Forasen, valued at RMB4,000,000 (approximately \$563,953)
Convertible Preferred Shares			
Wei Lian	April 20, 2020	195,000	\$702,000
Zhenyan Yu	April 20, 2020	305,000	\$1,098,000

* The number of securities reflects an approximate or rounded 71.62-for-1 forward split of our Ordinary Shares on April 20, 2020.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

(a) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index beginning on page 135 of this registration statement.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules

Schedules have been omitted because the information required to be set forth therein is not applicable or is shown in the Consolidated Financial Statements or the Notes thereto.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the Underwriter at the closing specified in the placement agency agreement, certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the Underwriter to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant under Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) For the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(4) For the purpose of determining any liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-1 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, on July 2, 2020.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

By: /s/ Kangbin Zheng

Kangbin Zheng

Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

Power Of Attorney

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints each of Kangbin Zheng and Ye Ren as attorneys-in-fact with full power of substitution, for him or her in any and all capacities, to do any and all acts and all things and to execute any and all instruments which said attorney and agent may deem necessary or desirable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and any rules, regulations, and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of ordinary shares of the registrant, including, without limitation, the power and authority to sign the name of each of the undersigned in the capacities indicated below to the Registration Statement on Form F-1 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to such Shares, to any and all amendments or supplements to such Registration Statement, whether such amendments or supplements are filed before or after the effective date of such Registration Statement, to any related Registration Statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and to any and all instruments or documents filed as part of or in connection with such Registration Statement or any and all amendments thereto, whether such amendments are filed before or after the effective date of such Registration Statement; and each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that such attorney and agent shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Kangbin Zheng</u> Name: Kangbin Zheng	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Ye Ren</u> Name: Ye Ren	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)	July 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Mei Cai</u> Name: Mei Cai	Director	July 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Phillip Connelly</u> Name: Phillip Connelly	Director	July 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Wenbiao Zhang</u> Name: Wenbiao Zhang	Director	July 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Jian Chen</u> Name: Jian Chen	Director	July 2, 2020

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 as amended, the undersigned, the duly authorized representative in the United States of America, has signed this registration statement thereto in New York, NY on July 2, 2020.

Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC

By: /s/ Ying Li
Name: Ying Li
Title: Partner and Member

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* Filed herewith.

** To be filed by amendment.



**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004 (AS AMENDED)**

**Second Amended and Restated
Memorandum and Articles of Association**

of

**CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
中北能源集团有限公司**

**Incorporated on 23 November 2018
Amended and Restated on 11 September 2019
Amended and Restated on 20 April 2020**

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004 (AS AMENDED)

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

中北能源集团有限公司

1 COMPANY NAME

1.1 The name of the Company is CN ENERGY GROUP. INC. The company has a foreign character name in addition: 中北能源集团有限公司, this is a combination of translation and transliteration in the Chinese language of the name of the Company in English. The full name of the Company (and its foreign character name, if applicable) shall be clearly stated in every:

(a) written communication sent by, or on behalf of, the Company; and

(b) document issued or signed by, or on behalf of, the Company that evidences or creates a legal obligation of the Company.

1.2 The Company may from time to time change the Company's name (or foreign character name, if applicable) by Resolution of Directors or Resolution of Members. A change of name (or foreign character name) takes effect from the date that the Registrar issues a change of name certificate.

2 COMPANY STATUS.

2.1 The Company is a company limited by shares.

2.2 The Company is a legal entity in its own right separate from its Members and continues in existence until it is dissolved.

3 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

3.1 The liability of each Member is limited to:

(a) the amount from time to time unpaid on that Member's Shares;

(b) any liability expressly provided for in this Memorandum or the Articles; and

(c) any liability to repay a Distribution pursuant to section 58(1) of the Act.

4 REGISTERED AGENT

4.1 The first registered agent of the Company will be Sertus Incorporations (BVI) Limited of Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands or such other registered agent as the directors or members may decide from time to time.

5 REGISTERED OFFICE

- 5.1 The first registered office of the Company will be situated at offices of Sertus Incorporations (BVI) Limited, Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
- 5.2 The Company may change its Registered Office by Resolution of Directors or Resolution of Members, provided that the Registered Office is at all times at the office of its Registered Agent in the British Virgin Islands.

6 CAPACITY AND POWERS

- 6.1 Subject to the Act, any other British Virgin Islands legislation, this Memorandum and/or the Articles, the Company has, irrespective of corporate benefit:
- (a) full capacity to carry on or undertake any business or activity, do any act or enter into any transaction; and
 - (b) for the purposes of Sub-Clause 6.1 (a), full rights, powers and privileges.
- 6.2 For the purposes of section 9(4) of the Act, there are no limitations on the business that the Company may carry on.

7 NUMBER AND CLASSES OF SHARES

- 7.1 The Company is authorised to issue an unlimited number of no par value Shares divided into two classes as follows:
- (a) Ordinary Shares of no par value; and
 - (b) Convertible Preferred Shares of no par value.
- 7.2 The Company may issue fractional Shares and a fractional Share shall have the corresponding fractional rights, obligations and liabilities of a whole Share of the same class or series of Shares.
- 7.3 The Company may issue a class of Shares in one or more series. The division of a class of Shares into one or more series and the designation to be made to each series shall be determined by the Directors from time to time by a Resolution of Directors.

8 RIGHTS CONFERRED BY SHARES

- 8.1 Subject to this Memorandum and the Articles, each Ordinary Share confers on the holder thereof the right to:
- (a) one vote on any Resolution of Members;
 - (b) an equal share in any dividend paid to the Ordinary Share class by the Company; and
 - (c) subject to the liquidation preference for Convertible Preferred Shares set out in 8.2 below, an equal share in the Distribution of the surplus assets of the Company.
- 8.2 Subject to this Memorandum and the Articles, each Convertible Preferred Share confers on the holder thereof the right to:

- (a) no entitlement to attend or to vote at a meeting of Members or on any Resolution of Members;
- (b) an equal share in any dividend paid to the Convertible Preferred Share class by the Company;
- (c) on liquidation of the Company, a right, in preference to the Ordinary Shares, to receive a payment per Convertible Preferred Share, equal to the Preferred Payment. In the event that the Company does not have sufficient funds to satisfy in full the Preferred Payment payable on each Convertible Preferred Share then in issue, such funds as the Company does have shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis on each Convertible Preferred Share. In the event that the Company has, on liquidation, funds in excess of those funds required to make full payment on each Convertible Preferred Share of the Preferred Payment, each Convertible Preferred Share shall then, in addition to receiving the Preferred Payment, have the right to an equal share in the Distribution of the surplus assets of the Company;
- (d) automatically convert into the number of fully paid and non-assessable Ordinary Shares without any action by the holder and whether or not the certificate representing such Convertible Preferred Share is surrendered to the Company or its transfer agent, on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Company at the Conversion Price. The number of Ordinary Shares issuable upon the conversion of Convertible Preferred Share pursuant to this Clause 8.2(d) shall be equal to (x) the Preferred Payment plus (y) any accrued but unpaid dividends divided by (z) the Conversion Price. Such conversion shall be deemed to have been made immediately prior to the close of business on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Company, and the person or person entitled to receive the Ordinary Shares issuable upon such conversion shall be treated for all purposes as the record holder or holders of such Ordinary Shares.
 - (i) No fractional Ordinary Shares shall be issued upon conversion of the Convertible Preferred Shares. In lieu of any fractional shares to which the holder would otherwise be entitled, the Company shall round the number of shares to be issued upon conversion up to the nearest whole number of shares.
 - (ii) No holder of the Convertible Preferred Shares shall be entitled to rights to subscribe for, purchase, or receive any part of any new or additional Shares of any class, whether now or hereinafter authorised, or of bonds or debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness convertible into or exchangeable for Shares of any class, but all such new or additional Shares of any class, or any bonds or debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness convertible into or exchangeable for Shares of any class, may be issued and disposed of by the Board on such terms and for such consideration (to the extent permitted by law), and to such person or persons as the Board in its absolute discretion may deem advisable.

8.3 The rights conferred upon the holders of the Shares of any class may only be varied, whether or not the Company is in liquidation, either by a resolution:

- (a) approved at a Members Meeting by the affirmative vote of a Majority of the votes of the Shares of the class being varied and entitled to vote, which were present at the Members Meeting (in person or by their duly appointed Proxy) and were voted; or
- (b) consented to in writing by a Majority of the votes of the Shares of the class being varied and entitled to vote, without the need for any notice, and may consist of several documents, including written electronic communication, in like form each signed or assented to by one or more Members.

8.4 The rights conferred upon the holders of the Shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the Shares of that class, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further Shares ranking *pari passu* therewith or by the redemption or purchase of shares of any class by the Company.

9 REGISTERED SHARES

9.1 The Company shall issue registered shares only.

9.2 The Company is not authorised to issue bearer shares, convert registered shares to bearer shares or exchange registered shares for bearer shares.

10 AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES

10.1 Subject to Clause 8.2, the Company may amend this Memorandum and/or the Articles by Special Majority Resolution of Directors or Special Majority Resolution of Members, save that no amendment may be made by a Special Majority Resolution of Directors:

- (a) to restrict the rights or powers of the Members to amend this Memorandum and/or the Articles; or
- (b) to change the percentage of Members required to pass a Resolution of Members to amend this Memorandum and/or the Articles; or
- (c) in circumstances where this Memorandum and/or the Articles may only be amended by the Members; or
- (d) to Clause 8 or this Clause 10.

10.2 Any amendment to this Memorandum or the Articles will take effect from the date the notice of amendment, or restated memorandum and articles incorporating the amendment, is registered by the Registrar or from such other date as determined pursuant to the Act.

11 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

11.1 In this Memorandum and the Articles, except where the context requires otherwise, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

Acquire	to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire (and " Acquisition " and " Acquired " shall be construed accordingly);
Act	the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (as amended from time to time) and includes the BVI Business Companies Regulations 2012 and any other regulations made under the Act from time to time;
Agent	an Eligible Person (including a Director) appointed as an agent of the Company;
Alternate Director	a Director or an Eligible Person whose name is entered in the Register of Directors as an alternate for a Director;
Appointing Director	a Director who has appointed an Alternate Director;

Articles	the Company's articles of association, attached to this Memorandum, as amended from time to time;
Board	the board of directors of the Company;
Business Days	a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in the British Virgin Islands;
Chairperson	<p>the chairperson of a Members Meeting who shall be the Chairperson of the Board, however:</p> <p>(a) if there is no Chairperson of the Board or if they are not present at the Members Meeting, the Members present shall choose one of their number to be the Chairperson; and</p> <p>(b) if the Members are unable to choose a Chairperson for any reason, then the person representing the greatest number of voting Shares present in person or by Proxy at the Members Meeting shall preside as Chairperson,</p> <p>failing which the oldest individual Member or representative of a Member present at the Members Meeting shall be the Chairperson;</p>
Chairperson of the Board	a Director who has been appointed as the chairperson of a Directors Meeting;
Charge	any mortgage, charge or other form of security over a Share (and " Charged " shall be construed accordingly);
Charged Shares	has the meaning ascribed to it in Sub-Regulation 7.1;
Chargee	any Eligible Person to whom a Charge has been granted or any nominee of that Eligible Person;
Committee	a committee of Directors, each consisting of one or more Directors;
Committee Meeting	a duly convened and constituted meeting of the Committee Members;
Committee Member	a member of a Committee;
Company Records	<p>means the:</p> <p>(a) Registers;</p> <p>(b) Minute Book; and</p> <p>(c) Records and Documentation;</p>
Controller	an individual that is the sole Member and sole Director;
Conversion Price	equal to a 10% discount to the price per Ordinary Share in the initial public offering of the Company
Convertible Preferred Share	a convertible preferred share of the Company of no par value;

Designated Stock Exchange	means the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ Global Select Market, as applicable, for as long as the Company's Shares are listed thereon, and any other Recognised Exchange on which the Company's Shares may be listed from time to time.
Director	an Eligible Person whose name is entered in the Register of Directors as a director of the Company;
Directors Meeting	a duly convened and constituted meeting of Directors;
Distribution	in relation to a distribution by the Company means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the direct or indirect transfer of an asset, other than the Company's own Shares, to or for the benefit of a Member; or (b) the incurring of a debt to or for the benefit of a Member, in relation to Shares held by that Member, and whether by means of the purchase of an asset, the purchase, redemption or other acquisition of Shares, a transfer of indebtedness or otherwise, and includes a dividend;
Electronic Transactions Act	the Electronic Transactions Act, 2001 (as amended from time to time);
Eligible Person	individuals, corporations, trusts, the estates of deceased individuals, partnerships and unincorporated associations of persons;
Exchange Act	The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the United States (as amended from time to time);
Exchange Rules	the listing rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, to the extent applicable and any other relevant code, rules and regulations as amended and revised from time to time;
Independent Director	a Director who is an independent director as defined in the Exchange Rules as determined by the Board;
Insolvency Act	the Insolvency Act, 2003 (as amended from time to time);
IPO Date	the date on which the Company's Shares are first traded on the Designated Stock Exchange;
Majority	means in excess of fifty (50) per cent.;
Member	an Eligible Person whose name is entered in the Register of Members as the holder of one or more Shares or fractional Shares;
Members Meeting	a duly convened and constituted meeting of Members;
Memorandum	this, the Company's memorandum of association, as amended from time to time;

Minute Book	means the minutes and/or written resolutions (as applicable) of all: (a) Resolutions of Members and of classes of Members; and (b) Resolutions of Directors and of Committees;
MLAT	the Mutual Legal Assistance (Tax Matters) (Amendment) Act, 2012 (as amended from time to time);
Officer	an Eligible Person appointed as an officer of the Company;
Ordinary Share	an ordinary share of the Company of no par value;
Parent	has the meaning defined in the Act;
Preferred Payment	the price per share paid for the issue of Convertible Preferred Share, which as of the date of issuance is \$3.60;
Prohibited Powers	any of the following powers to: (a) amend this Memorandum or the Articles; (b) designate a Committee; (c) delegate powers to a Committee; (d) appoint or remove Directors; (e) appoint or remove an Agent; (f) approve a plan or merger, consolidation or arrangement; (g) make a declaration of solvency or to approve a liquidation plan; and/or (h) make a determination that the Company will, immediately after a proposed Distribution, satisfy the Solvency Test;
Proxy	an Eligible Person who has been duly appointed by a Member (in accordance with the Act and Regulation 12) to be its proxy at a Members Meeting;
Records and Documents	has the meaning ascribed to it in Sub-Regulation 29;
Recognised Exchange	has the meaning given in the Act;
Register of Charges	a register of charges that the Company maintains at its Registered Office, which contains details of each charge it has created over its assets;
Register of Directors	the Company's register of Directors, maintained in accordance with the Act;
Register of Members	the Company's register of Members, maintained in accordance with the Act;
Registered Agent	the Company's registered agent, as appointed from time to time, in accordance with the Act;

Registered Office	the Company's registered office maintained in accordance with the Act;
Registers	the Register of Members and the Register of Directors;
Registrar	the Registrar of Corporate Affairs in the British Virgin Islands;
Reserve Director	an Eligible Person whose name is entered in the Register of Directors as being nominated a reserve director of the Company by a Controller;
Resolution of Directors	<p>either a resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) approved at a Directors Meeting or Committee Meeting by the affirmative vote of a Majority of Directors entitled to vote thereon or by a Majority of Committee Members, as the case may be, entitled to vote thereon which were present at the Directors Meeting (in person or by their duly appointed Alternate Director) who voted, except that where a Director is given more than one vote, he or she shall be counted by the number of votes he or she casts for the purpose of establishing a Majority of Directors Majority or Majority of Committee Members, as the case may be; or (b) consented to in writing by a Majority of Directors (in person or by their duly appointed Alternate Director) or by a Majority of the Committee Members as the case may be, without the need for any notice, and may consist of several documents, including written electronic communication, in like form each signed or assented to by one or more Directors (in person or by their duly appointed Alternate Director);
Resolution of Members	<p>either a resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) approved at a Members Meeting by the affirmative vote of a Majority of the votes of the Shares entitled to vote thereon which were present at the Members Meeting (in person or by their duly appointed Proxy) and were voted; or (b) consented to in writing by a Majority of the votes of the Shares entitled to vote thereon, without the need for any notice, and may consist of several documents, including written electronic communication, in like form each signed or assented to by one or more Members;
Seal	any seal which has been duly adopted as the common seal of the Company, and shall include reference to an electronic seal which satisfies the requirements of the Electronic Transactions Act;
Securities	shares and debt obligations of every kind of the Company, and including without limitation options, warrants and rights to acquire shares or debt obligations;

Securities Act	the Securities Act of 1933 of the United States (as amended from time to time);
Securities Exchange Act	the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the United States (as amended from time to time);
Share	a share issued or to be issued in the Company;
Solvency Test	the Company satisfies the solvency test if the value of the Company's assets exceeds its liabilities and the Company is able to pay its debts as they fall due;
Special Majority	means in excess of two thirds;
Special Majority Resolution of Directors	<p>either a resolution:</p> <p>(a) approved at a Directors Meeting or Committee Meeting by the affirmative vote of a Special Majority of Directors entitled to vote thereon or by a Special Majority of Committee Members, as the case may be, entitled to vote thereon which were present at the Directors Meeting (in person or by their duly appointed Alternate Director) who voted, except that where a Director is given more than one vote, he or she shall be counted by the number of votes he or she casts for the purpose of establishing a Special Majority of Directors Special Majority or Special Majority of Committee Members, as the case may be; or</p> <p>(b) consented to in writing by a Special Majority of Directors (in person or by their duly appointed Alternate Director) or by a Special Majority of the Committee Members as the case may be, without the need for any notice, and may consist of several documents, including written electronic communication, in like form each signed or assented to by one or more Directors (in person or by their duly appointed Alternate Director);</p>
Special Majority Resolution of Members	<p>either a resolution:</p> <p>(a) approved at a Members Meeting by the affirmative vote of a Special Majority of the votes of the Shares entitled to vote thereon which were present at the Members Meeting (in person or by their duly appointed Proxy) and were voted; or</p> <p>(b) consented to in writing by a Special Majority of the votes of the Shares entitled to vote thereon, without the need for any notice, and may consist of several documents, including written electronic communication, in like form each signed or assented to by one or more Members;</p>
Subsidiary	has the meaning defined in the Act; and

Treasury Share

a Share that was previously issued but was repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired by the Company and not cancelled, in accordance with the Act.

11.2 In this Memorandum and the Articles:

- (a) a **Clause** or **Sub-Clause** is a reference to a clause or sub-clause of this Memorandum;
- (b) a **Regulation** or **Sub-Regulation** is a reference to a regulation or sub-regulation of the Articles;
- (c) voting by Members is a reference to the casting of the votes attached to the Shares held by the Member voting;
- (d) words and expressions defined in the Act shall have the same meaning and, unless otherwise required by the context, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter and references to persons shall include corporations and all entities capable of having a legal existence;
- (e) reference to any provision of law (including but not limited to the Act, the Electronic Transactions Act) is a reference to that provision as extended, applied, amended or re-enacted and includes any subordinate legislation;
- (f) reference to this Memorandum or to the Articles is a reference to those documents as amended from time to time;
- (g) the headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Memorandum or the Articles;
- (h) reference to a thing being **written** or **in writing** includes all forms of writing, including all electronic records which satisfy the requirements of the Electronic Transactions Act, including (but not limited to) information generated, sent, received or stored by electronic, electrical, digital, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, biometric or photonic means, including electronic data interchange, electronic mail, telegram, telex or telecopy;
- (i) reference to a thing being **signed** or to a person's **signature** shall include reference to an electronic signature which satisfies the requirements of the Electronic Transactions Act;
- (j) any words or expressions defined in the Act shall have the same meaning in this Memorandum and the Articles and unless otherwise required by the context or unless otherwise defined in this Memorandum or the Articles;
- (k) where a period of time is expressed as a number of days, the days on which the period begins and ends are not included in the computation of the number of days;
- (l) headings are inserted for convenience only and shall be disregarded in the construction of or the interpretation of this Memorandum and the Articles; and
- (m) a reference to the Exchange Rules shall only apply if, and for so long as, the Company's Shares are listed on a Designated Stock Exchange.

We, Sertus Incorporations (BVI) Limited of Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands in our capacity as registered agent for the Company hereby apply to the Registrar of Corporate Affairs for the incorporation of the Company this 23rd day of November, 2018.

Incorporator

(Sd.)

Alyson Parker / Ann Penn
Authorised Signatories
Sertus Incorporations (BVI) Limited

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004 (AS AMENDED)

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

**CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
中北能源集团有限公司**

1 DISAPPLICATION OF THE ACT

1.1 The following sections of the Act shall not apply to the Company:

- (a) section 46 (*Pre-emptive rights*);
- (b) section 60 (*Process for acquisition of own shares*);
- (c) section 61 (*Offer to one or more shareholders*);
- (d) section 62 (*Shares redeemed otherwise than at the option of company*); and
- (e) section 175 (*Disposition of assets*).

2 SHARES

2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Articles, the Memorandum, the Exchange Rules (if applicable, where any of the Shares in the Company are listed on a Designated Stock Exchange) and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any Shares or class of shares, Shares and other securities may be issued, and options to acquire Shares may be granted, at such times, to such Eligible Persons, for such consideration and on such terms as the Directors may determine by a Resolution of Directors.

2.2 A Share may be issued for consideration in any form, or combination of forms, including money, a promissory note, or other written obligation to contribute money or property, real property, personal property (including goodwill and know-how), services rendered or a contract for future services.

2.3 No Shares may be issued for a consideration which is in whole or in part other than money, unless a Resolution of Directors has been passed stating:

- (a) the amount to be credited for the issue of the Shares; and
- (b) that, in their opinion, the present cash value of the non-money consideration and the money consideration for the issue is not less than the amount to be credited for the issue of the Shares.

2.4 The Company may issue bonus Shares.

2.5 A Share is deemed to be issued when the name of the Eligible Person is entered in the Register of Members.

3 SHARE CERTIFICATES

3.1 Subject to sub-regulation 3.5, each Member is entitled to a certificate:

(a) signed by a Director or Officer, or any other person authorised by Resolution of Directors; or

(b) under the Seal,

specifying the number of Shares held by him or her, and the signature of the Director, Officer or authorised person and the Seal may be facsimiles.

3.2 Each Member who receives a share certificate shall indemnify and hold the Company, its Directors and Officers harmless from any loss or liability which it or they may incur by reason of any wrongful or fraudulent use or representation made by any Eligible Person by virtue of the possession thereof.

3.3 If a share certificate is worn out or lost, it may (subject to the prior written consent of any Chargee whose interest has been noted on the Register of Members) be renewed on production of the worn out certificate or on satisfactory proof of its loss together with such indemnity as the Directors may reasonably require.

3.4 If several Eligible Persons are registered as joint holders of any Shares, the Company is not bound to issue more than one certificate in relation to those Shares and delivery of a share certificate to one of several joint holders of Shares shall be sufficient delivery to all.

3.5 Nothing in these Articles shall require title to any Shares or other securities to be evidenced by a certificate if the Act and the Exchange Rules permit otherwise. With effect from the IPO Date, no holder of Shares of any class in the Company shall have the right to require the issuance or provision to them at any time of any certificate in respect of Shares held by them.

3.6 If a holder of Shares of any class received one or more certificates at any time prior to the IPO Date in respect of any Shares of any class owned by the holder in the Company, such holder shall return the originals of all such certificates to the Company for cancellation promptly upon request to do so by the Company or, if earlier, at the time of any transfer or purported transfer or other disposition of such Shares. The Company may by Resolution of Directors unilaterally cancel any original share certificates issued prior to the IPO Date that are not promptly returned upon request by the Company. Any certificates so cancelled shall be null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, Sub-Regulation 3.2 shall apply in respect of such cancelled share certificates that are not returned to the Company.

4 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

4.1 Subject to the Act, the Company shall keep a Register of Members containing:

(a) the name and address of each Eligible Person who holds Shares;

(b) the number of each class and series of Shares held by each Member;

(c) the date on which the name of each Member was entered in the Register of Members; and

(d) the date on which any Eligible Person ceased to be a Member.

4.2 The entry of an Eligible Person on the Register of Members as a holder of a Share is *prima facie* evidence that legal title in the Share vests in that Eligible Person.

4.3 The Company may treat the holder of a Share issued by the Company as the only Eligible Person entitled to:

(a) exercise any voting rights attached to the Share;

(b) receive notices;

(c) receive a Distribution in respect of the Share; and

(d) exercise other rights and powers attached to the Share.

4.4 The Register of Members may be in any such form as the Directors may approve, but if it is in magnetic, electronic or other data storage form, the Company must be able to produce legible evidence of its contents. Until the Directors otherwise determine, the magnetic, electronic or other data storage form shall be the original Register of Members.

4.5 The Company may elect to file a copy of its Register of Members with the Registrar, to make it available for public inspection, in accordance with the Act (a "**Public Register of Members**").

4.6 Once the Public Register of Members has been filed with the Registrar, the Company is bound by its contents. Each time the Register of Members is updated, amended or altered in any way, the Company must file a copy of the same with the Registrar, to update the Public Register of Members. The Company may elect to cease registering such changes by filing a notice with the Registrar, in accordance with the Act.

5 TRANSFER OF SHARES

5.1 Subject to the Act and Sub-Regulation 5.7, Shares may be transferred by a written instrument of transfer signed by the transferor and containing the name and address of the transferee, which shall be sent to the Company so that the Register of Members can be updated to reflect and effect the share transfer. If the transfer imposes a liability to the Company on the transferee, the transferee must also sign the written instrument of transfer.

5.2 Subject to Sub-Regulation 5.3, the Company shall, on receipt of an instrument of transfer, enter the name of the transferee in the Register of Members.

5.3 Subject to Sub-Regulation 7.4, the Directors may resolve to refuse or delay the registration of the transfer of Shares. Where the Directors do so, they must specify the reason(s) for this refusal or delay in a Resolution of Directors. The Directors may refuse or delay the registration of a transfer of Shares if the transferor has failed to pay an amount due in respect of those Shares.

5.4 Where the Directors pass a Resolution of Directors pursuant to Sub-Regulation 5.3, the Company shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, send the transferor and the transferee a notice of the refusal or delay in the approved form.

5.5 Subject to section 41(1A) of the Act, the transfer of a Share is effective when the name of the transferee is entered on the Register of Members.

5.6 If the Directors are satisfied that an instrument of transfer relating to Shares has been signed but that the instrument has been lost or destroyed, they may resolve by a Resolution of Directors:

(a) to accept such evidence of the transfer of Shares as they consider appropriate; and

(b) that the transferee's name should be entered in the Register of Members, notwithstanding the absence of the instrument of transfer.

5.7 Where Shares are listed on a Designated Stock Exchange:

(a) Sub-Regulations 5.1 to 5.6 shall not apply; and

- (b) the Shares may be transferred without the need for a written instrument of transfer if the transfer is carried out in accordance with the Exchange Rules pursuant to the provisions of section 54A of the Act and other requirements applicable to Shares listed on the Designated Stock Exchange.

6 REDEMPTION OF SHARES, SURRENDER OF SHARES AND TREASURY SHARES

- 6.1 Subject to the Act and these Articles, the Company may Acquire and hold its own Shares save that the Company may not Acquire its own Shares without the consent of Members whose Shares are to be Acquired unless the Company is permitted by the Act or any other provision in the Memorandum or these Articles to Acquire the Shares without their consent.
- 6.2 The Company may only offer to Acquire Shares if the Resolution of Directors authorising the Acquisition contains a statement that the Directors are satisfied (on reasonable grounds) that immediately after the Acquisition the Company will be able to satisfy the Solvency Test.
- 6.3 Shares that the Company Acquires may be cancelled or held as Treasury Shares. Unless the Shares Acquired are held as Treasury Shares, any Shares Acquired by the Company shall be deemed to be cancelled immediately on completion of the Acquisition of the Shares.
- 6.4 The Company may Acquire its own fully paid Share(s) for no consideration by way of surrender of such Share(s) to the Company by the Member whose Share(s) are being surrendered. Any such surrender shall be in writing and signed by the Member whose Share(s) are being surrendered.
- 6.5 The number of Shares held as Treasury Shares (when aggregated with Shares of the same class already held as Treasury Shares) cannot exceed 50 per cent. of the Shares of that class previously issued by the Company (excluding Shares that have been cancelled).
- 6.6 Shares which have been cancelled shall be available for reissue.
- 6.7 All rights and obligations attaching to a Treasury Share are suspended and shall not be exercised by the Company while it holds the Share as a Treasury Share.
- 6.8 Treasury Shares may be transferred or disposed of by the Company on such terms and conditions (not otherwise inconsistent with the Memorandum and these Articles) as the Company may by a Resolution of Directors determine.

7 MORTGAGES OF SHARES AND CHARGES OVER SHARES

- 7.1 Members may Charge their Shares. If a Member has created a Charge over any of their Shares, such Shares shall be referred to as the "**Charged Shares**".
- 7.2 At the written request of a Member who has Charged Shares, the following shall be entered in the Register of Members:
- (a) a statement that such Charged Shares are Charged;
 - (b) the name of the Chargee; and
 - (c) the date on which the particulars specified in Sub-Regulations 7.2(a) and 7.2 (b) are entered in the Register of Members.
- 7.3 Whilst particulars of a Charge over Shares are entered in the Register of Members, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the named Chargee:

- (a) effect the transfer of any such Charged Share; or
- (b) Acquire any such Charged Share; or
- (c) replace a share certificate in respect of any such Charged Share.

7.4 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Memorandum or these Articles, the Directors shall not decline to register any transfer of Charged Shares, nor may they suspend registration thereof, where such transfer is:

- (a) to any Chargee, whose interest has been noted on the Register of Members; or
- (b) by any such Chargee, pursuant to the power of sale under its Charge; or
- (c) by any such Chargee, in accordance with the terms of the relevant security document creating the Charge.

7.5 Where particulars of a Charge are entered in the Register of Members, such particulars may be cancelled:

- (a) with the written consent of the named Chargee or anyone authorised to act on its behalf; or
- (b) upon evidence satisfactory to the Directors of the discharge of the liability secured by the Charge and the issue of such indemnities as the Directors shall consider necessary or desirable.

8 FORFEITURE

8.1 Shares that are not fully paid on issue are subject to the forfeiture provisions set forth in this Regulation and for this purpose, Shares issued for a promissory note or other written obligation to contribute money or property, or a contract for future services are deemed to be not fully paid.

8.2 A written notice of call (a "**Forfeiture Notice**") shall be served on a Member who defaults in making payment in respect of any Shares held by him or her (the "**Forfeiture Shares**").

8.3 A Forfeiture Notice must:

- (a) specify a date that the Member should make payment for the Forfeiture Shares;
- (b) provide a further date (no earlier than 14 days from the date that the Forfeiture Notice was served) on, or before which, payment for the Forfeiture Shares is required (a "**Payment Date**"); and
- (c) contain a statement that in the event of non-payment at or before the Payment Date, the Forfeiture Shares (or any of them) will be liable to be forfeited.

8.4 Where a Forfeiture Notice has been served pursuant to Sub-Regulations 8.2 and 8.3(a), and the requirements of the Forfeiture Notice have not been complied with, the Directors may, at any time before tender of payment, forfeit and cancel the Forfeiture Shares.

8.5 The Company is under no obligation to refund any moneys to a Member whose Shares have been cancelled pursuant to Sub-Regulation 8.4 and that Member shall be discharged from any further obligation to the Company.

9 DISTRIBUTIONS

- 9.1 Subject to Sub-Regulation 9.2, the Directors may, by Resolution of Directors, authorise a Distribution by the Company to the Members at such time and of such amount as they think fit, if they are satisfied (on reasonable grounds) that the Company will, immediately after the Distribution, satisfy the Solvency Test.
- 9.2 If, after a Distribution is authorised (but before it is made) the Directors cease to be satisfied (on reasonable grounds) that the Company will be able to satisfy the Solvency Test after the Distribution is made, then such Distribution is deemed not to have been authorised.
- 9.3 Distributions may be paid in money, shares or other property.
- 9.4 The Directors may, before recommending any Distribution, set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as they think proper as a reserve which shall, at their discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Directors may from time to time think fit.
- 9.5 If several Eligible Persons are registered as joint holders of any Share, any of them may give effectual receipt for any Distribution or other monies payable on or in respect of the jointly held Share.
- 9.6 Notice of any Distribution that may have been declared shall be given to each Member pursuant to Regulation 30.
- 9.7 All Distributions that are unclaimed for three years after having been declared may be forfeited by a Resolution of Directors, for the benefit of the Company.
- 9.8 No Distribution shall bear interest against the Company or be paid on those shares which are held by the Company as Treasury Shares at the date of the Distribution is declared.

10 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 10.1 The Company may, but shall not (unless required by the Exchange Rules, if applicable) be obligated to, in each year hold a Members Meeting as an annual general meeting, which, if held, shall be convened by the Board, in accordance with these Articles.
- 10.2 A Members Meeting may be convened by:
- (a) a Director at such times and in such manner and places, within or outside the British Virgin Islands, as the Director considers necessary or desirable; or
 - (b) the Directors, upon the written request of Members entitled to exercise 30 per cent. (or more) of the voting rights in respect of the matter for which the Members Meeting is requested.
- 10.3 The Director convening a Members Meeting shall give not less than seven days' notice of a Members Meeting to:
- (a) those Members whose names appear on the Register of Members on the date the notice is given and who are entitled to vote at the Members Meeting; and
 - (b) the other Directors.
- 10.4 The Director convening a Members Meeting may fix as the record date for determining those Members that are entitled to vote at the Members Meeting the date notice is given of the Members Meeting, or such other date as may be specified in the notice, being a date not earlier than the date of the notice.

- 10.5 A Members Meeting held in contravention of the requirement to give notice is valid if Members holding at least 90 per cent. of the total voting rights on all the matters to be considered at the Members Meeting have waived notice of the Members Meeting and, for this purpose, the presence of a Members at the Members Meeting shall constitute waiver in relation to all the Shares which that Members holds.
- 10.6 The inadvertent failure of a Director who convenes a Members Meeting to give notice of a Members Meeting to a Member or another Director, or the fact that a Member or another Director has not received notice, does not invalidate the Members Meeting.

11 PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 11.1 No business shall be transacted at any Members Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the Members Meeting proceeds to business. A Members Meeting is duly constituted if, at the commencement of the Members Meeting, there are present in person (or by Proxy) holders of a Majority of the voting rights of the Shares or class or series of Shares entitled to vote on the resolutions to be considered at the Members Meeting. A quorum may comprise a single Member (or Proxy) and then such person may pass a Resolution of Members and a certificate signed by such Member (accompanied by a copy of the proxy instrument if such person is a Proxy) shall constitute a valid Resolution of Members.
- 11.2 A Member shall be deemed to be present at a Members Meeting if:
- (a) the Member (or its Proxy) participates by telephone or other electronic means; and
 - (b) all Members and Proxies participating in the Members Meeting are able to hear each other.
- 11.3 Subject to Sub-Regulation 11.4, if a Members Meeting is convened upon the requisition of a Director or in any other case and a quorum is not present within two hours from the time appointed for the Members Meeting, the Members Meeting shall stand adjourned to the next business day in the jurisdiction in which the Members Meeting was to have been held at the same time and place or to such other time and place as the Directors may determine by a Resolution of Directors. If, at the adjourned Members Meeting, there are present within one hour from the time appointed for the adjourned Members Meeting in person or by Proxy not less than one third voting rights of the Shares or class or series of Shares entitled to vote on the matters to be considered by the Members Meeting, those present shall constitute a quorum but otherwise the Members Meeting shall be dissolved.
- 11.4 If a Members Meeting is convened upon the requisition of the Members, and a quorum is not present within two hours from the time appointed for the Members Meeting, the Members meeting shall be dissolved.
- 11.5 The Chairperson may, with the consent of the Members at the Members Meeting, adjourn any Members Meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Members Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the Members Meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 11.6 A resolution put to the vote in a Members Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands by the Members holding a Majority of the voting rights of the Shares or class or series of Shares entitled to vote on Resolutions of Members to be considered at the Members Meeting.
- 11.7 A declaration by the Chairperson that a Resolution of Members has, on a show of hands been approved, and an entry is made to that effect in the Minute Book, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such Resolution of Members.

- 11.8 At any Members Meeting, the Chairperson is responsible for deciding in such manner as he or she considers appropriate, whether any resolution proposed has been carried or not and the result of his or her decision shall be announced to the Members Meeting and recorded in the minutes of the Members Meeting. If the Chairperson has any doubt as to the outcome of the vote on a proposed resolution, he or she shall cause a poll to be taken of all votes cast upon such resolution. If the Chairperson fails to take a poll then any Member present in person or by Proxy who disputes the announcement by the Chairperson of the result of any vote may immediately following such announcement demand that a poll be taken and the Chairperson shall cause a poll to be taken. If a poll is taken at any Members Meeting, the result shall be announced to the Members Meeting and recorded in the minutes of the Members Meeting.
- 11.9 The right of any individual to speak for or represent a Member who is not an individual shall be determined by the law of the jurisdiction where, and by the documents by which, such Member is constituted or derives its existence. In case of doubt, the Directors may in good faith seek legal advice from any qualified person and unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction shall otherwise rule, the Directors may rely and act upon such advice without incurring any liability to any Member or the Company.
- 11.10 Any Member who is not an individual may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such individual as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any Members Meeting or of any meeting of a class of Members, and such individual shall be entitled to exercise the same rights on behalf of the Member which he or she represents as that Member could exercise if it were an individual Member.
- 11.11 The Chairperson of any Members Meeting at which a vote is cast by Proxy or on behalf of any Eligible Person other than an individual may call for a notarially certified copy of such Proxy or authority which shall be produced within seven (7) days of being so requested or the votes cast by such Proxy or on behalf of such Eligible Person shall be disregarded.
- 11.12 The Directors may attend and speak at any Members Meeting and at any separate Members Meeting of the holders of any class or series of Shares.
- 11.13 An action that may be taken by the Members at a Members Meeting may also be taken by a Resolution of Members consented to in writing by a Majority of the votes of Shares entitled to vote and voting thereon, without the need for any notice. If any Resolution of Members is adopted otherwise than by the unanimous written consent of all Members, a copy of such resolution shall forthwith be sent to all Members not consenting to such resolution. The consent may be in the form of counterparts, each counterpart being signed by one or more Members. If the consent is in one or more counterparts, and the counterparts bear different dates, then the resolution shall take effect on the earliest date upon which Eligible Persons holding a sufficient number of votes of Shares to constitute a Resolution of Members have consented to the resolution by signed counterparts.
- 11.14 If the Company has only one Member the provisions herein contained for a Members Meeting do not apply and such sole Member has full power to represent and act for the Company in all matters as are by the Act, the Memorandum or these Articles required to be exercised by the Members. In lieu of minutes of a Members Meeting, the sole Member shall record in writing and sign a note or memorandum of all matters requiring a Resolution of Members. Such a note or memorandum constitutes sufficient evidence of such Resolutions of Members for all purposes.
- 11.15 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairperson at which the show of hands takes place, or at which the poll is demanded, shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote.

12 MEMBER'S REPRESENTATION AT A MEETING BY PROXY

12.1 A Member may be represented at a Members Meeting by a Proxy who may speak and vote on behalf of that Member.

12.2 The instrument appointing the Proxy must be produced:

- (a) at the place designated for the Members Meeting to take place at which the Proxy proposes to vote; and
- (b) before the time the Members Meeting at which the Proxy proposes to vote is scheduled to take place,

unless the notice of the Members Meeting at which the Proxy proposes to vote has specified an alternative or additional place or time at which the Proxy shall be presented.

12.3 The instrument appointing a Proxy shall be in writing and substantially the following form, or such other form as the Chairperson shall accept as properly evidencing the wishes of the Member, appointing the Proxy.

<p>Company Name: _____ (the "Company")</p> <p>Company Number: _____</p> <p>In this appointment of a proxy, except where the context otherwise requires (or except where terms are defined herein) words and expressions shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the Company's memorandum and articles of association.</p> <p>I am/We are a Member of the Company HEREBY APPOINT:</p> <p>_____ of _____</p> <p>or failing him/her</p> <p>_____ of _____</p> <p>to be my/our proxy to vote for me/us at the Members Meeting to be held on _____</p> <p>at _____ and at any adjournment thereof.</p> <p>(Any restrictions on voting to be inserted here.)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signed by: (Name of Member)</p> <p>Date:</p>

12.4 Where Shares are held jointly, by two or more Eligible Persons:

- (a) each of the Eligible Person that holds Shares jointly may be present in person (or by Proxy) at a Members Meeting and may speak as a Member;

- (b) if only one of the joint owners is present at a Members Meeting, in person or by Proxy, he or she may vote on behalf of all joint owners of the Share(s);
- (c) if two or more of the joint owners are present at a Members Meeting, in person or by Proxy, they must vote as one; and
- (d) if two or more of the joint owners are present at a Members Meeting, in person or by Proxy, and vote, it is the vote of the joint owner whose name appears first among such voting joint holders in the Register of Members alone that shall be counted.

13 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 13.1 The first Director(s) shall be appointed by the Registered Agent within six (6) months of the date of incorporation of the Company. Thereafter, the Directors shall be elected by Resolution of Members or by Resolution of Directors for such terms as these Articles and the Members or Directors may so determine.
- 13.2 If, before the Company has any Members, the sole Director or all of the Directors appointed by the Registered Agent resign, die or otherwise cease to exist, the Registered Agent may appoint one or more further Eligible Persons as a Director.
- 13.3 Subject to Sub-Regulation 13.2, the minimum number of Directors shall be one (1) and there shall be no maximum number of Directors.
- 13.4 No Eligible Person shall be:
- (a) appointed as a Director or as an Alternate Director; or
 - (b) nominated as a Reserve Director,
- unless he or she has consented to be a Director, an Alternate Director, or to be nominated as a Reserve Director (as applicable).
- 13.5 Each Director shall hold office for such period as may be determined by a Resolution of Directors or a Resolution of Members, save that for so long as the Shares in the Company are listed on any Designated Stock Exchange and unless removed in accordance with Sub-Regulations 13.10 or 13.11 below:
- (a) each Director in office immediately prior to the first annual general meeting following the IPO Date shall retire at that annual general meeting unless re-elected in accordance with these Articles; and
 - (b) thereafter, each Director re-elected or otherwise appointed shall be appointed for a term expiring at the next-following annual general meeting of the Company where upon that Director shall retire unless re-elected in accordance with these Articles.
- 13.6 If the Company does not fill the vacancy at the meeting at which a Director retires or otherwise, the retiring Director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the re-appointment of the Director is put to the meeting and lost. If a retiring Director is re-appointed he is treated as having remained a director continuously.
- 13.7 Subject to Sub-Regulation 13.5, if there is no fixed term, the Director serves indefinitely until the earlier of:
- (a) his or her disqualification to act as a Director under the Act (on which his or her office as Director shall be automatically terminated if he or she has not resigned in accordance with the Act); or

- (b) his or her death; or
 - (c) his or her resignation; or
 - (d) the effective date of his or her removal by Resolution of Directors or Resolution of Members.
- 13.8 A Director may resign his or her office by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Company. Such resignation has effect from the date the notice is received by the Company at the Registered Office or from such later date as may be specified in the resignation notice. A Director shall resign forthwith as a Director if he or she is, or becomes, disqualified from acting as a Director under the Act.
- 13.9 The following are disqualified for appointment as a Director:
- (a) an individual who is under 18 years of age;
 - (b) a person who is a disqualified person within the meaning of section 260(4) of the Insolvency Act;
 - (c) a person who is a restricted person within the meaning of section 409 of the Insolvency Act; and/or
 - (d) an undischarged bankrupt.
- 13.10 Sections 114(2) and 114(3) of the Act shall not apply to the Company. A Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a Resolution of Members.
- 13.11 Sections 114(5) of the Act shall not apply to the Company. A Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a Resolution of Directors.
- 13.12 The Directors may at any time appoint any Eligible Person to be a Director either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors. Where the Directors appoint an Eligible Person as Director to fill a vacancy, the term shall not exceed the term that remained when the Eligible Person who has ceased to be a Director ceased to hold office.
- 13.13 A vacancy in relation to Directors occurs if a Director dies or otherwise ceases to hold office prior to the expiration of his or her term of office.
- 13.14 A Director does not have to hold any Shares, but nevertheless shall be entitled to attend and speak at any Director Meeting and at any Members Meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of Shares.
- 13.15 The Directors may, by Resolution of Directors, fix the emoluments of Directors with respect to services to be rendered in any capacity to the Company.

14 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 14.1 Subject to Sub-Regulation 13.4, a Director may appoint an Eligible Person (who is not disqualified from being a director) to be his or her Alternate Director to:
- (a) exercise the powers of the Appointing Director; and
 - (b) carry out the Appointing Director's responsibilities,
- in relation to taking decisions by the Directors in the absence of the Appointing Director.

- 14.2 An Alternate Director has the same rights as the Appointing Director in relation to any Resolution of Directors.
- 14.3 Any exercise by an Alternate Director of the Appointing Director's powers in relation to the taking of decisions by the Directors, is as effective as if the powers were exercised by the Appointing Director.
- 14.4 The Appointing Director may, at any time, terminate the Alternate Director's appointment.
- 14.5 The appointment of an Alternate Director and the termination of an Alternate Director's appointment must be made in writing and written notice shall be given by the Appointing Director to the Company as soon as reasonably practicable so the appointment/termination can be noted on the Register of Directors.
- 14.6 An Alternate Director has no power to appoint an alternate, whether of the Appointing Director or of the Alternate Director.
- 14.7 An Alternate Director does not act as an agent of or for the Appointing Director.

15 RESERVE DIRECTORS

- 15.1 Subject to Sub-Regulation 13.4, a Controller may, by instrument in writing, nominate an Eligible Person (who is not disqualified from being a director) as a Reserve Director to act in his or her place in the event of his or her death.
- 15.2 The nomination of a Reserve Director ceases to have effect if before the death of the Controller:
- (a) he or she resigns as Reserve Director; or
 - (b) the Controller revokes the nomination (in writing); or
 - (c) the Controller ceases to be the sole Director and sole Member for any reason other than his or her death.
- 15.3 The nomination of a Reserve Director and the written cessation of a Reserve Director's nomination must be made in writing and written notice shall be given by the Controller to the Company as soon as reasonably practicable, so the nomination/cessation can be noted on the Register of Directors.

16 REGISTER OF DIRECTORS

- 16.1 The Company shall maintain a Register of Directors that shall contain such information as is prescribed in the Act, a copy of which must be filed with the Registrar within:
- (a) 14 days of the appointment of the first Director(s); and
 - (b) 21 days of any changes occurring to the Register of Directors.
- 16.2 The Register of Directors may be kept in any such form as the Directors may approve, but if it is in magnetic, electronic or other data storage form, the Company must be able to produce legible evidence of its contents. Until a Resolution of Directors determining otherwise is passed, the magnetic, electronic or other data storage shall be the original Register of Directors.
- 16.3 The Register of Directors is *prima facie* evidence of any matters directed or authorised by the Act to be contained therein.

17 DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

- 17.1 When exercising his or her powers or performing his or her duties, a Director shall act honestly and in good faith and in a manner which he or she believes to be in the best interests of the Company.
- 17.2 Notwithstanding Sub-Regulation 17.1 (even though it may not be in the best interests of the Company) a Director may act in a manner which he or she believes is in the best interests of:
- (a) the Parent, if the Company is a wholly-owned Subsidiary;
 - (b) the Parent, if the Company is a Subsidiary (but not a wholly-owned Subsidiary) and the Members (other than the Parent) have provided their prior agreement to the Director acting in this manner; and
 - (c) the Member(s), if the Company is carrying out a joint venture between the Members and those actions are limited to actions connected to or with the joint venture.
- 17.3 Each Director shall exercise his or her powers as a Director for a proper purpose and shall not act, or agree to the Company acting, in a manner that contravenes the Act, the Memorandum or these Articles.
- 17.4 When exercising his or her powers and/or carrying out his or her duties, each Director must act in good faith, make proper inquiry where the need for the inquiry is indicated by the circumstances and have no knowledge that his or her reliance on the Company Records and/or such other information prepared for or supplied to him or her is not warranted.
- 17.5 When exercising his or her powers and/or carrying out his or her duties, each Director:
- (a) shall exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonable director would exercise in the same circumstances taking into account, but without limitation the nature of the Company, the nature of the decision, the position of the Director and the nature of the responsibilities undertaken by him or her; and
 - (b) is, subject to Sub-Regulation 17.5(a), entitled to rely upon:
 - (i) the Company Records and/or such other information prepared for or supplied to the Director;
 - (ii) professional or expert advice given, by: (A) an employee of the Company whom the Director believes on reasonable grounds to be reliable and competent in relation to the matters concerned; (B) a professional adviser or expert in relation to matters which the Director believes on reasonable grounds to be within the person's professional or expert competence; and/or (C) any other Director, or Committee upon which the Director did not serve, in relation to matters within the Director's or Committee's designated authority.

18 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- 18.1 A Director shall, forthwith after becoming aware of the fact that he or she is interested in a transaction entered into or to be entered into by the Company, disclose such interest to the other Directors, unless the transaction or proposed transaction:
- (a) is between the Director and the Company; and

(b) is or is to be entered into in the ordinary course of the Company's business and on usual terms and conditions.

For the avoidance of doubt, a disclosure is only made when it is brought to the attention of every Director.

18.2 For the purposes of Sub-Regulation 18.1, the disclosure by a Director that he or she is a member, director, officer or trustee of another named entity or other Eligible Person, or has a fiduciary relationship with respect to the entity or other Eligible Person, and is to be regarded as interested in any transaction which may, after the date of the entry or disclosure of interest, be entered into with the Company or that Director, is a sufficient disclosure of interest in relation to that transaction.

18.3 A transaction entered into by the Company in respect of which a Director is interested is voidable by the Company unless the Director's interest was disclosed in accordance with Sub-Regulation 18.1 prior to the Company entering into the transaction.

18.4 Notwithstanding Sub-Regulation 18.3, a transaction entered into by the Company in respect of which a Director is interested is not voidable by the Company if:

- (a) the material facts of the interest of the Director in the transaction are known by the Members entitled to vote at a Members Meeting and the transaction is approved or ratified by a Resolution of Members; or
- (b) the Company received fair value for the transaction.

A determination as to whether or not the Company receives fair value for a transaction shall be made on the basis of the information known to the Company and the interested Director at the time that the transaction was entered into.

18.5 A Director who is interested in a transaction entered into or to be entered into by the Company may:

- (a) vote on a matter relating to the transaction;
- (b) attend a Director Meeting at which a matter relating to the transaction arises and be included among the Directors present at the Director Meeting for the purposes of a quorum; and
- (c) sign a document on behalf of the Company, or do any other thing in his or her capacity as a Director, that relates to the transaction,

and, subject to compliance with the Act shall not, by reason of his office be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from such transaction and no such transaction shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.

19 POWERS OF DIRECTORS

19.1 The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by, or under the direction or supervision of, the Directors. The Directors have all the powers necessary for managing, and for directing and supervising, the business and affairs of the Company. The Directors may pay all expenses incurred preliminary to and in connection with the incorporation of the Company and may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not by the Act, by the Memorandum or by these Articles required to be exercised by the Members.

19.2 Any Director which is a body corporate may appoint any individual as its duly authorised representative for the purpose of representing it at Director Meeting, with respect to the signing of consents or otherwise.

- 19.3 The Directors may by Resolution of Directors exercise all the powers of the Company to incur indebtedness, liabilities or obligations and to secure indebtedness, liabilities or obligations whether of the Company or of any third party.
- 19.4 All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by Resolution of Directors.
- 19.5 Section 175 of the Act shall not apply. The Directors may, by Resolution of Directors, determine that any sale, transfer, lease, exchange or other disposition is in the usual or regular course of the business carried on by the Company and such determination is, in the absence of fraud, conclusive.
- 19.6 The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.

20 PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 20.1 The Directors or any Committee may meet at such times and in such manner and places within or outside the British Virgin Islands as the Directors may determine to be necessary or desirable.
- 20.2 Any Director may call a Director Meeting by sending a written notice to each other Director. Subject to Sub-Regulation 20.3, a Director shall be given not less than three (3) Business Days' notice of a Director Meeting.
- 20.3 A Director Meeting held without (or on less than) three (3) Business Days' notice being given to all of the Directors is valid if all of the Directors entitled to vote at the Director Meeting who do not attend have waived the notice of the Director Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, the presence of a Director at the Director Meeting shall constitute a waiver by that Director (unless he or she objects in writing before or at the Director Meeting).
- 20.4 The inadvertent failure to give notice of a Director Meeting, or the fact that a Director has not received the notice, shall not invalidate the Director Meeting.
- 20.5 A Director Meeting is duly constituted for all purposes if at the commencement of the Director Meeting there are present in person (or by its Alternate Director) a Majority of the total number of Directors, unless there are only two (2) Directors in which case the quorum will be two (2).
- 20.6 A Director shall be deemed to be present at a Director Meeting if:
- (a) the Director (or by its Alternate Director) participates by telephone or other electronic means; and
 - (b) all Directors (or by its Alternate Director) participating in the Director Meeting are able to hear each other.
- 20.7 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the Director Meeting a quorum is not present, the Director Meeting shall be dissolved.
- 20.8 At a Directors Meeting, the Directors may elect a Chairperson of the Board and determine the period for which he or she is to hold office. If no such Chairperson of the Board is elected, or if at any Director Meeting the Chairperson of the Board is not present at the time appointed for holding the Director Meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the Board for the Director Meeting. If the Directors are unable to choose a Chairperson of the Board, for any reason, then the longest serving Director present at the Director Meeting shall preside as the Chairperson of the Board.

- 20.9 Questions arising at any Director Meeting shall be decided by a Majority of votes. In case of an equality in votes the Chairperson of the Board shall have a second or casting vote.
- 20.10 Any action that may be taken by the Directors at a Directors Meeting or by a Committee Members at a Committee Meeting may also be taken by a Resolution of Directors or a resolution of a Committee Members consented to in writing by a Majority of Directors or by a Majority of Committee Members, as the case may be, without the need for any notice. The consent may be in the form of counterparts each counterpart being signed by one or more Directors. If the consent is in one or more counterparts, and the counterparts bear different dates, then the resolution shall take effect on the date upon which the last Director has consented to the resolution by signed counterparts.
- 20.11 If the Company has only one Director the provisions herein contained for Director Meetings do not apply and such sole Director has full power to represent and act for the Company in all matters as are not by the Act, the Memorandum or these Articles required to be exercised by the Members. In lieu of minutes of a Director Meeting the sole Director shall record in writing and sign a note or memorandum of all matters requiring a Resolution of Directors. Such a note or memorandum constitutes sufficient evidence of such Resolution of Directors for all purposes.

21 COMMITTEES

- 21.1 Subject to Sub-Regulation 21.2, the Directors may designate one or more Committees and delegate any one or more of their powers, including the power to affix the Seal, to the Committee.
- 21.2 The Directors have no power to delegate any of the Prohibited Powers to a Committee.
- 21.3 Where the Directors delegate their powers to a Committee, they remain responsible for the exercise of that power by the Committee, unless they believed on reasonable grounds that at all times before the exercise of the power that the Committee would exercise the power in conformity with the duties imposed on directors by the Act.
- 21.4 A Committee, where authorised by the Resolution of Directors appointing such Committee or by a subsequent Resolution of Directors, may appoint a sub-committee and delegate powers exercisable by the Committee to the sub-committee.
- 21.5 The Committee Meeting, consisting of 2 or more Directors, shall be governed *mutatis mutandis* by the provisions of these Articles regulating the proceedings of Directors so far as the same are not superseded by any provisions in the Resolution of Directors establishing the Committee.
- 21.6 The Board shall establish an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as required in accordance with the Exchange Rules. Each of these Committees shall be empowered to do all things necessary to exercise the powers of such Committee delegated to that Committee in accordance with these Articles. Each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall consist of at least three Directors (or such larger minimum number as may be required from time to time by the Exchange Rules). The majority of the Committee Members on each of the Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance committee shall be Independent Directors. The Audit Committee shall be made up of such number of Independent Directors as required from time to time by the Exchange Rules or otherwise required by applicable law.

22 OFFICERS

- 22.1 The Directors may, by a Resolution of Directors, appoint an Eligible Person to be an Officer at such times as shall be considered necessary or expedient.

- 22.2 The emoluments of all Officers shall be fixed by Resolution of Directors.
- 22.3 An Officer:
- (a) does not need be a Director or Member; and
 - (b) may hold more than one office in the Company (e.g. it may be the secretary and the vice-president of the Company).
- 22.4 Each Officer shall:
- (a) consent (in writing) to their appointment as an Officer;
 - (b) hold office until its successor is duly appointed or it is removed, with or without cause, by Resolution of Directors; and
 - (c) perform such duties as shall be prescribed at the time of their appointment, subject to any modifications in such duties as may be prescribed by the Directors thereafter.
- 22.5 Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Company may be filled by Resolution of Directors.
- 22.6 An Officer that is a body corporate may appoint any person as its duly authorised representative for the purpose of representing it and of transacting any of the business of an Officer.

23 AGENTS

- 23.1 The Directors may, by Resolution of Directors, appoint an Eligible Person to be an Agent.
- 23.2 An Agent has no right to carry out any of the Prohibited Powers.
- 23.3 Subject to Sub-Regulation 23.2, an Agent shall have such powers and authority of the Directors, including the power and authority to affix the Seal and to exercise the power an authority granted in the Memorandum, these Articles or in the Resolution of Directors appointing the Agent, except that no Agent has any power or authority to:
- (a) change the Registered Agent of the Registered Office; or
 - (b) fix emoluments of Directors; or
 - (c) authorise the Company to continue as a company incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the British Virgin Islands.
- 23.4 The Resolution of Directors appointing an Agent may authorise the Agent to appoint one or more substitutes or delegates to exercise some or all of the powers conferred on the Agent by the Company.
- 23.5 The Directors may remove an Agent and may revoke or vary a power conferred on him or her by a Resolution of Directors.

24 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

- 24.1 Subject to the limitations provided in this Regulation 24, the Company may indemnify against all expenses, including legal fees, and against all judgements, fines and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably

incurred in connection with legal, administrative or investigative proceedings any Eligible Person who is or was:

- (a) a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the Eligible Person is or was a Director; or
 - (b) at the request of the Company, serving as a director of, or in any other capacity is or was acting for, another body corporate or a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.
- 24.2 Sub-Regulation 24.1 does not apply unless the Eligible Person acted honestly and in good faith and in what he or she believed to be in the best interests of the Company and, in the case of criminal proceedings, the Eligible Person had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.
- 24.3 For the purposes of Sub-Regulation 24.2, a Director acts in the best interests of the Company if he or she acts in the best interests of the Parent or Member (or Members), in either case, in the circumstances specified in the Act, as the case may be.
- 24.4 The decision of the Directors as to whether the person acted honestly and in good faith and with a view to the best interests of the Company and as to whether the person had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful is, in the absence of fraud, sufficient for the purposes of these Articles, unless a question of law is involved.
- 24.5 The termination of any proceedings by any judgement, order, settlement, conviction or the entering of a *nolle prosequi* does not, by itself, create a presumption that the Eligible Person did not act honestly and in good faith and with a view to the best interests of the Company or that the Eligible Person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.
- 24.6 Expenses, including legal fees, incurred by a Director (or a former director) in defending any legal, administrative or investigative proceedings may be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such proceedings upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director (or a former director) to repay the amount if it shall ultimately be determined that the Director (or a former director) is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company in accordance with Sub-Regulation 24.1 and upon such other terms and conditions, if any, as the Company deems appropriate.
- 24.7 The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Regulation 24 is not exclusive of any other rights to which the Eligible Person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, Resolution of Members, resolution of disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to acting in the Eligible Person's official capacity and as to acting in another capacity while serving as a Director.
- 24.8 If an Eligible Person referred to in Sub-Regulation 24.1 has been successful in defence of any proceedings referred to Sub-Regulation 24.1, the Eligible Person is entitled to be indemnified against all expenses, including legal fees, and against all judgements, fines and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably incurred by the Eligible Person in connection with the proceedings.
- 24.9 The Company shall not indemnify an Eligible Person in breach of Sub-Regulation 24.2, and any indemnity given in breach of Sub-Regulation 24.2 is void and of no effect.
- 24.10 The Company may purchase and maintain insurance in relation to any Eligible Person who is or was a Director, Officer or liquidator of the Company, or who at the request of the Company is or was serving as a Director, Officer or liquidator of, or in any other capacity is or was acting for, another body corporate or a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against the Eligible Person

and incurred by the Eligible Person in that capacity, whether or not the Company has or would have had the power to indemnify the Eligible Person against the liability as provided in these Articles.

25 SEAL

- 25.1 The Company shall have a Seal and an imprint of the Seal shall be kept at the Registered Office.
- 25.2 The Company may have more than one Seal and references herein to the Seal shall be references to every Seal which shall have been duly adopted by Resolution of Directors.
- 25.3 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein the Seal when affixed to any written instrument shall be witnessed and attested to by the signature of any one Director or other Eligible Person so authorised from time to time by Resolution of Directors. Such authorisation may be before or after the Seal is affixed, may be general or specific and may refer to any number of sealings.
- 25.4 The Directors may provide for a facsimile of the Seal and of the signature of any Director or authorised Eligible Person which may be reproduced by printing or other means on any instrument and it shall have the same force and validity as if the Seal had been affixed to such instrument and the same had been attested to as hereinbefore described.
- 25.5 A document requiring authentication or attestation by the Company may be signed by a Director, a secretary or by an authorised Agent, and need not be under its Seal.

26 ENTRY INTO CONTRACTS AND DEEDS

- 26.1 A contract may be entered into by the Company as follows:
- (a) a contract that, if entered into by an individual, would be required by law to be in writing and under seal, may be entered into by or on behalf of the Company in writing under the Seal, and may be varied or discharged in the same manner;
 - (b) a contract that, if entered into by an individual, would be required by law to be in writing and signed, may be entered into by or on behalf of the Company in writing and signed by an Eligible Person acting under the express or implied authority of the Company, and may be varied or discharged in the same manner; and
 - (c) a contract that, if entered into by an individual, would be valid although entered into orally, and not reduced to writing, may be entered into orally by or on behalf of the Company by an Eligible Person acting under the express or implied authority of the Company, and may be varied or discharged in the same manner.
- 26.2 A contract entered into in accordance with this Regulation 26 is valid and is binding on the Company and its successors and all other parties to the contract.
- 26.3 Notwithstanding Sub-Regulation 26.1, an instrument or deed executed by or on behalf of the Company by a Director or an authorised Agent is not invalid by reason only of the fact that the Seal is not affixed to the instrument or deed.
- 26.4 Notwithstanding Sub-Regulation 26.1, an instrument is validly executed by the Company as a deed or an instrument under seal if it is either:
- (a) sealed with the Seal and witnessed by a Director; or

- (b) is expressed to be, or is expressed to be executed as, or otherwise makes clear on its face that it is intended to be, a deed and it is signed by a Director or by an Eligible Person acting under the express or implied authority of the Company.

27 REGISTER OF CHARGES

27.1 The Company must maintain a Register of Charges at the Registered Office, which must confirm:

- (a) the name and address of each secured party;
- (b) details of each security document it has entered into that creates a charge over the Company's assets;
- (c) a short description of the liabilities secured and property charged by each security document; and
- (d) details of any prohibition or restrictions on the Company's power to create any future charges.

27.2 If a charge entered on the Register of Charges is amended, the Company must notify its Registered Agent within 14 days of such change, so the Register of Charges can be updated.

27.3 The Company may elect to file a copy of its Register of Charges with the Registrar, to make it available for public inspection and to obtain priority ranking for the secured party.

28 COMPANY RECORDS

28.1 The Company shall keep the following at the Registered Office:

- (a) the Memorandum and these Articles;
- (b) the Company Records;
- (c) copies of all notices and other documents filed by the Company in the previous ten years;
- (d) the Register of Charges; and
- (e) an imprint of the Seal.

28.2 The Company shall keep the Company Records at the Registered Office or at such other place(s) or places, within or outside the British Virgin Islands, as the Directors may determine. Until the Directors determine otherwise by Resolution of Directors, the Company shall keep the original Registers at the Registered Office.

28.3 If a copy of the Registers (rather than the original) is not maintained at the Registered Office, the Company must inform the Registered Agent (in writing) of any change to the Register and provide the Registered Agent with a copy of the updated Register, within 15 days of such change.

28.4 If any of the Company Records are kept in a location other than the Registered Office, the Company shall provide the Registered Agent with a written record of:

- (a) the physical address of the place at which each of the Company Records are kept; and
- (b) the name of the person who maintains and controls each of the Company Records.

- 28.5 If the location at which any of the Company Records are kept, or the name of the person who maintains and controls any of the Company Records changes, the Company shall, within 14 days of the change provide its Registered Agent with:
- (a) the physical address of the place at which each of the Company Records are kept; and
 - (b) the name of the person who maintains and controls each of the Company Records.
- 28.6 The Company Records shall be open to the inspection of the Directors at all times.
- 28.7 The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions the Company Records or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Members (not being Directors), and no Member (not being a Director) shall have any right to inspect any Company Records except as conferred by the Act or authorised by a Resolution of Directors.
- 28.8 The Company Records shall be in written form or either wholly or partly as electronic records complying with the requirements of the Electronic Transactions Act.
- 29 ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS**
- 29.1 The Company shall maintain records and documents (and underlying documentation), which are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and enable the Company (at any time) to determine the financial position of the Company with reasonable accuracy (the "**Records and Documents**"), which for the avoidance of doubt includes accounts in relation to:
- (a) all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
 - (b) all sales and purchases of goods by the Company; and
 - (c) the assets and liabilities of the Company;
- 29.2 The Company may by Resolution of Shareholders call for the Directors to prepare periodically and make available a profit and loss account and a balance sheet (the "**Balance Sheet**"). The Balance Sheet shall be drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the profit and loss of the Company for a financial period and a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities of the Company as at the end of a financial period.
- 29.3 The Company may by Resolution of Shareholders call for the accounts to be examined by auditors.
- 29.4 The Company may appoint an auditor (the "**Auditor**"). The Auditors shall be appointed by Resolution of Shareholders or by Resolution of Directors.
- 29.5 A Member may be an Auditor. However, no Director or Officer can be an Auditor during their continuance in office.
- 29.6 The remuneration of the Auditors may be fixed by Resolution of Directors.
- 29.7 The Auditors shall examine each Balance Sheet required to be laid before a Members Meeting or otherwise given to Members and shall state in a written report whether or not:

- (a) in their opinion the Balance Sheet give a true and fair view respectively of the profit and loss for the period covered by the accounts, and of the assets and liabilities of the Company at the end of that period; and
 - (b) all the information and explanations required by the Auditors have been obtained.
- 29.8 The report of the Auditors shall be annexed to the accounts and shall be read at the Members Meeting at which the accounts are laid before the Company or shall be otherwise given to the Members.
- 29.9 The Auditors shall be entitled to receive notice of, and to attend any Members Meeting at which the Balance Sheet is to be presented.
- 29.10 Each Auditor shall, at all times, have the right to access the Company Records, and shall be entitled to such information and explanations as he or she thinks necessary for the performance of his or her duties.

30 NOTICES

- 30.1 Any Notice or document, whether or not, to be given or issued under these Articles from the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or communication and any such Notice and document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Registrar of Members or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or address or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the Notice being duly received by the Member or may also served by advertisement in appropriate newspaper in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company's website and giving to the member a notice or other document is available there (a "notice of availability"). The notice of availability may be given to a Member by any of the means set out above. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.
- 30.2 Any Notice or other document:
- (a) if served or delivered by post shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the fifth (5th) day following that on which the envelope containing the same, properly prepaid and addressed, is put into the post; in providing such service or delivery shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly addressed and put into the post and a certificate in writing signed by Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope and wrapper containing the Notice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof.
 - (b) if sent by electronic communication, shall be deemed to be given on the day on which it is transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent. A Notice placed on the Company's website is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a notice of availability is deemed served on the Member; and
 - (c) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Articles, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch or transmission; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate

in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the act and time of such service, delivery, despatch or transmission shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

- 30.3 Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Articles shall, notwithstanding that such Member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death or bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such Member as sole or joint holder unless his name shall, at the time of the service of delivery of the Notice or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the share, and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such Notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
- 30.4 A Notice may be given by the Company to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a Member by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, envelope or wrapper addressed to him by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description, at the address, if any, supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled, or (until such an address has been so supplied) by giving the notice in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
- 30.5 Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every Notice on respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered on the Register shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.
- 30.6 For the purpose of these Articles, a cable or telex or facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director, or in the case of corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it or its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director in the terms in which it is received.

31 CONTINUATION

The Company may, by a Resolution of Directors or by a Resolution of Members, continue as a company incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the British Virgin Islands in the manner provided under those laws and in accordance with the Act.

32 VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

- 32.1 The Company may be voluntarily liquidated under Part XII of the Act if it can satisfy the Solvency Test.
- 32.2 Subject to the Act, the Company may by Resolution of Shareholders or by Resolution of Directors appoint an eligible individual as voluntary liquidator (alone or jointly with one or more other voluntary liquidators).

33 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION

- 33.1 Subject to the Article 33.2, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law:
- (a) each party hereby agrees that, unless the Board of Directors consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the courts of the British Virgin Islands shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all Disputes and, for such purposes, hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the British Virgin Islands; and

- (b) each party hereby irrevocably waives any objection which it might now or hereafter have to the courts of the British Virgin Islands being nominated as the forum to hear and determine such Dispute and undertakes and agrees not to claim any such court is not convenient or appropriate forum.
- 33.2 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, unless the Board of Directors consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act.
- 33.3 Each person who is or who at any time becomes a Member or otherwise acquires any interest in shares of the Company shall be deemed to have notice of, and to have consented to, the provisions of this Article 33.
- 33.4 For the purpose of these Article 33:
- (a) **“Dispute”** means (i) any dispute, suit, action, proceedings, controversy or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with the Memorandum and/or these Articles, including, without limitation, claims for set-off and counterclaims and any dispute, suit, action, proceedings, controversy or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with: (x) the creation, validity, effect, interpretation, performance or non-performance of, or the legal relationships established by, the Memorandum and/or these Articles; or (y) any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Memorandum and/or these Articles; or (ii) any dispute, suit, action (including, without limitation, any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf or in the name of the Company or any application for permissions to bring a derivative action), proceedings, controversy or claim of any kind relating or connected to the Company, the Board, the Company’s officers, the Company’s management or the Members arising out of or in connection with the Act, the Insolvency Act, 2003 of the British Virgin Islands, any other legalisation or common law of the British Virgin Islands affecting any relationship between the Company, its Members and/or its directors and officers (or any of them) or any rights and duties established hereby (including, without limitation, Division 3 of Part VI and Part XI of the Act and section 162(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act, 2003, and fiduciary or other duties owed by any director, officer or shareholder of the Company to the Company or the Company’s shareholders); and
- (b) **“party”** means (i) the Company, (ii) each Member, (iii) each former Member (with intention and affect that each former Member shall continue to be bound by the Article 33 notwithstanding that such former Member has transferred all its Shares or otherwise ceased to be a Member); (iv) each director and officer of the Company; (v) each former director and officer (with the intention and affect that each former director and officer shall continue to be bound by this Article 33 notwithstanding such former Member has ceased to be a director or officer); and (vi) any successor, assignee or other person claiming through a person referred to in (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) above.

We, Sertus Incorporations (BVI) Limited of Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands in our capacity as registered agent for the Company hereby apply to the Registrar of Corporate Affairs for the incorporation of the Company this 23rd day of November, 2018.

Incorporator

(Sd.)

Alyson Parker / Ann Penn
Authorised Signatories
Sertus Incorporations (BVI) Limited

**SHARE CERTIFICATE
OF
CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
中北能源集团有限公司
(the “Company”)**

INCORPORATED IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Authorised to issue an unlimited number of no par value
Shares divided into
(a) Ordinary Shares of no par value; and
(b) Convertible Preferred Shares of no par value.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE UNDER MENTIONED PERSON IS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE SHARES SPECIFIED HEREUNDER SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPANY

Name & Address of Shareholder	Share Class	Certificate Number	No. of Shares	Date of Issue
[Name] [Address]	Ordinary	***[Certificate Number]***	-[Number]-	[Date]

GIVEN UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF THE COMPANY ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AND IN THE PRESENCE OF

DIRECTOR/OFFICER/AUTHORISED PERSON

NO TRANSFER OF ANY OF THE ABOVE SHARES CAN BE REGISTERED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THIS CERTIFICATE

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), is entered into as of [], by and between CN ENERGY GROUP, INC., a company incorporated and existing under the laws of British Virgin Islands (the "Company"), and [], an individual (the "Executive"). The term "Company" as used herein with respect to all obligations of the Executive hereunder shall be deemed to include the Company and all of its direct or indirect parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, or subsidiaries or affiliates of its parent companies (collectively, the "Group").

RECITALS

The Company desires to employ the Executive and to assure itself of the services of the Executive during the term of Employment (as defined below).

The Executive desires to be employed by the Company during the term of Employment and upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

The parties hereto agree as follows:

1. POSITION

The Executive hereby accepts a position of [] of the Company (the "Employment").

2. TERM

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the initial term of the Employment shall be [] years, commencing on [] (the "Effective Date"), unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Upon expiration of the []-year term, the Employment shall be automatically extended for successive []-year terms unless either party gives the other party hereto a []-month prior written notice to terminate the Employment prior to the expiration of such []-year term or unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

3. PROBATION

No probationary period.

4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive's duties at the Company will include all jobs assigned by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") and/or the [] of the Company.

The Executive shall devote all of his/her working time, attention and skills to the performance of his/her duties at the Company and shall faithfully and diligently serve the Company in accordance with this Agreement, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (the "Articles of Association"), and the guidelines, policies and procedures of the Company approved from time to time by the Board.

5. NO BREACH OF CONTRACT

The Executive shall use his/her best efforts to perform his/her duties hereunder. The Executive shall not, without prior consent of the Board, become an employee of any entity other than the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, and shall not be concerned or interested in any business or entity that directly or indirectly competes with the Group (any such business or entity, a “Competitor”), provided that nothing in this clause shall preclude the Executive from holding shares or other securities of any Competitor that is listed on any securities exchange or recognized securities market anywhere, provided however, that the Executive shall notify the Company in writing prior to his/her obtaining a proposed interest in such shares or securities in a timely manner and with such details and particulars as the Company may reasonably require. The Company shall have the right to require the Executive to resign from any board or similar body which he/she may then serve if the Board reasonably determines in writing that the Executive’s service on such board or body interferes with the effective discharge of the Executive’s duties and responsibilities to the Company or that any business related to such service is then in competition with any business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

The Executive hereby represents to the Company that: (i) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Executive and the performance by the Executive of the Executive’s duties hereunder shall not constitute a breach of, or otherwise contravene, the terms of any other agreement or policy to which the Executive is a party or otherwise bound, except for agreements that are required to be entered into by and between the Executive and any member of the Group pursuant to applicable law of the jurisdiction where the Executive is based, if any; (ii) the Executive has no information (including, without limitation, confidential information and trade secrets) relating to any other person or entity which would prevent, or be violated by, the Executive entering into this Agreement or carrying out his/her duties hereunder; and (iii) the Executive is not bound by any confidentiality, trade secret or similar agreement (other than this) with any other person or entity except for other member(s) of the Group, as the case may be.

6. LOCATION

The Executive will be based in Hangzhou, the People’s Republic of China, until both parties hereto agree to change otherwise. The Executive acknowledges that he/she may be required to travel from time to time in the course of performing his/her duties for the Company.

7. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- (a) Compensation. The Executive’s cash compensation (inclusive of the statutory welfare reserves that the Company is required to set aside for the Executive under applicable law) shall be provided by the Company in a separate schedule A attached herein (“Schedule A”) or as specified in a separate agreement between the executive and the company’s designated subsidiary or affiliated entity, subject to annual review and adjustment by the Company or the compensation committee of the Board. The cash compensation may be paid by the Company, a subsidiary or affiliated entity or a combination thereof, as designated by the Company from time to time. The payment of the Executive’s cash compensation shall commence when the Company becomes a public reporting company in the U.S.
 - (b) Equity Incentives. To the extent the Company adopts and maintains a share incentive plan, the Executive will be eligible to participate in such plan pursuant to the terms thereof.
 - (c) Benefits. The Executive is eligible for participation in any standard employee benefit plan of the Company that currently exists or may be adopted by the Company in the future, including, but not limited to, any retirement plan, life insurance plan, health insurance plan and travel/holiday plan.
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8. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- (a) By the Company. The Company may terminate the Employment for cause, at any time, without notice or remuneration, if the Executive (1) commits any serious or persistent breach or non-observance of the terms and conditions of your employment; (2) is convicted of a criminal offence other than one which in the opinion of the Board does not affect the executive's position as an employee of the Company, bearing in mind the nature of your duties and the capacity in which the executive is employed; (3) willfully disobeys a lawful and reasonable order; (4) misconducts himself/herself and such conduct being inconsistent with the due and faithful discharge of the Executive's material duties; (5) is guilty of fraud or dishonesty; or (6) is habitually neglectful in his/her duties. The Company may terminate the Employment without cause at any time with a []-month prior written notice to the Executive or by payment of [] months' salary in lieu of notice.
- (b) By the Executive. The Executive may terminate the Employment at any time with a []-month prior written notice to the Company or by payment of [] months' salary in lieu of notice. In addition, the Executive may resign prior to the expiration of the Agreement if such resignation or an alternative arrangement with respect to the Employment is approved by the Board.
- (c) Notice of Termination. Any termination of the Executive's employment under this Agreement shall be communicated by written notice of termination from the terminating party to the other party. The notice of termination shall indicate the specific provision(s) of this Agreement relied upon in effecting the termination.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY AND NONDISCLOSURE

- (a) Confidentiality and Non-disclosure. The Executive hereby agrees at all times during the term of his/her employment and after termination, to hold in the strictest confidence, and not to use, except for the benefit of the Group, or to disclose to any person, corporation or other entity without written consent of the Company, any Confidential Information. The Executive understands that "Confidential Information" means any proprietary or confidential information of the Group, its affiliates, their clients, customers or partners, and the Group's licensors, including, without limitation, technical data, trade secrets, research and development information, product plans, services, customer lists and customers (including, but not limited to, customers of the Group on whom the Executive called or with whom the Executive became acquainted during the term of his/her employment), supplier lists and suppliers, software, developments, inventions, processes, formulas, technology, designs, drawings, engineering, hardware configuration information, personnel information, marketing, finances, information about the suppliers, joint ventures, licensors, licensees, distributors, and other persons with whom the Group does business, information regarding the skills and compensation of other employees of the Group or other business information disclosed to the Executive by or obtained by the Executive from the Group, its affiliates, or their clients, customers, or partners either directly or indirectly in writing, orally or by drawings or observation of parts or equipment, if specifically indicated to be confidential or reasonably expected to be confidential. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information shall not include information that is generally available and known to the public through no fault of the Executive.
 - (b) Company Property. The Executive understands that all documents (including computer records, facsimile and e-mail) and materials created, received or transmitted in connection with his/her work or using the facilities of the Group are property of the Group and subject to inspection by the Group, at any time. Upon termination of the Executive's employment with the Company (or at any other time when requested by the Company), the Executive will promptly deliver to the Company all documents and materials of any nature pertaining to his/her work with the Company and will provide written certification of his compliance with this Agreement. Under no circumstances will the Executive have, following his/her termination, in his/her possession any property of the Group, or any documents or materials or copies thereof containing any Confidential Information.
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- (c) Former Employer Information. The Executive agrees that he has not and will not, during the term of his/her employment, (i) improperly use or disclose any proprietary information or trade secrets of any former employer or other person or entity with which the Executive has an agreement or duty to keep in confidence information acquired by Executive, if any, or (ii) bring into the premises of the Group any document or confidential or proprietary information belonging to such former employer, person or entity unless consented to in writing by such former employer, person or entity. The Executive will indemnify the Group and hold it harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit, arising out of or in connection with any violation of the foregoing.
- (d) Third Party Information. The Executive recognizes that the Group may have received, and in the future may receive, from third parties their confidential or proprietary information subject to a duty on the Group's part to maintain the confidentiality of such information and to use it only for certain limited purposes. The Executive agrees that the Executive owes the Group and such third parties, during the Executive's employment by the Company and thereafter, a duty to hold all such confidential or proprietary information in the strictest confidence and not to disclose it to any person or firm and to use it in a manner consistent with, and for the limited purposes permitted by, the Group's agreement with such third party.

This Section 9 shall survive the termination of this Agreement for any reason. In the event the Executive breaches this Section 9, the Company shall have right to seek remedies permissible under applicable law.

10. WITHHOLDING TAXES

Notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, the Company may withhold (or cause there to be withheld, as the case may be) from any amounts otherwise due or payable under or pursuant to this Agreement such national, provincial, local or any other income, employment, or other taxes as may be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

11. NOTIFICATION OF NEW EMPLOYER

In the event that the Executive leaves the employ of the Company, the Executive hereby grants consent to notification by the Company to his/her new employer about his/her rights and obligations under this Agreement.

12. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement is personal in its nature and neither of the parties hereto shall, without the consent of the other, assign or transfer this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder; provided, however, that (i) the Company may assign or transfer this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder to any member of the Group without such consent, and (ii) in the event of a merger, consolidation, or transfer or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company with or to any other individual(s) or entity, this Agreement shall, subject to the provisions hereof, be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such successor and such successor shall discharge and perform all the promises, covenants, duties, and obligations of the Company hereunder.

13. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Executive and the Company regarding the terms of the Employment and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreements concerning such subject matter, other than any such agreement under any employment agreement entered into with a subsidiary of the Company at the request of the Company to the extent such agreement does not conflict with any of the provisions herein. The Executive acknowledges that he/she has not entered into this Agreement in reliance upon any representation, warranty or undertaking which is not set forth in this Agreement. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the Executive and the Company.

15. REPRESENTATIONS

The Executive hereby agrees to execute any proper oath or verify any proper document required to carry out the terms of this Agreement. The Executive hereby represents that the Executive's performance of all the terms of this Agreement will not breach any agreement to keep in confidence proprietary information acquired by the Executive in confidence or in trust prior to his/her employment by the Company. The Executive has not entered into, and hereby agrees that he/she will not enter into, any oral or written agreement in conflict with this Section 18. The Executive represents that the Executive will consult his/her own consultants for tax advice and is not relying on the Company for any tax advice with respect to this Agreement or any provisions hereunder.

16. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

17. ARBITRATION

Any dispute arising out of, in connection with or relating to, this Agreement shall be resolved through arbitration pursuant to this Section 20. The arbitration shall be conducted in Hong Kong under the auspices of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (the "Centre") in accordance with the rules of the United Nations Commission of International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL Rules") in effect at the time of the arbitration. There shall be one arbitrator. The award of the arbitration tribunal shall be final and binding upon the disputing parties, and any party may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for enforcement of such award.

18. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may not be amended, modified or changed (in whole or in part), except by a formal, definitive written agreement expressly referring to this Agreement, which agreement is executed by both of the parties hereto.

19. WAIVER

Neither the failure nor any delay on the part of a party to exercise any right, remedy, power or privilege under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of the same or of any right, remedy, power or privilege, nor shall any waiver of any right, remedy, power or privilege with respect to any occurrence be construed as a waiver of such right, remedy, power or privilege with respect to any other occurrence. No waiver shall be effective unless it is in writing and is signed by the party asserted to have granted such waiver.

20. NOTICES

All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given and made if (i) delivered by hand, (ii) otherwise delivered against receipt therefor, or (iii) sent by a recognized courier with next-day or second-day delivery to the last known address of the other party.

21. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the parties reflected hereon as the signatories. Photographic copies of such signed counterparts may be used in lieu of the originals for any purpose.

22. NO INTERPRETATION AGAINST DRAFTER

Each party recognizes that this Agreement is a legally binding contract and acknowledges that such party has had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of choice. In any construction of the terms of this Agreement, the same shall not be construed against either party on the basis of that party being the drafter of such terms. The Executive agrees and acknowledges that he/she has read and understands this Agreement, is entering into it freely and voluntarily, and has been advised to seek counsel prior to entering into this Agreement and has ample opportunity to do so.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed as of the date first written above.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

By: /s/ _____

Name:

Title:

Executive

Signature: /s/ _____

Name:

[Signature Page to Employment Agreement]

Schedule A

Annual compensation is \$[].

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This Indemnification Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of _____ by and between CN ENERGY GROUP, INC., a British Virgin Islands business company (the "Company"), and the undersigned, a director and/or an officer of the Company ("Indemnitee"), as applicable.

RECITALS

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") has determined that the inability to attract and retain highly competent persons to serve the Company is detrimental to the best interests of the Company and its shareholders and that it is reasonable and necessary for the Company to provide adequate protection to such persons against risks of claims and actions against them arising out of their services to the corporation.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the premises and the covenants contained herein, the Company and Indemnitee do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

A. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the meanings defined below:

Expenses shall include, without limitation, damages, judgments, fines, penalties, settlements and costs, attorneys' fees and disbursements and costs of attachment or similar bond, investigations, and any other expenses paid or incurred in connection with investigating, defending, being a witness in, participating in (including on appeal), or preparing for any of the foregoing in, any Proceeding.

Indemnifiable Event means any event or occurrence that takes place either before or after the execution of this Agreement, related to the fact that Indemnitee is or was a director or an officer of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity, or related to anything done or not done by Indemnitee in any such capacity, including, but not limited to neglect, breach of duty, error, misstatement, misleading statement or omission.

Participant means a person who is a party to, or witness or participant (including on appeal) in, a Proceeding.

Proceeding means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, arbitration or proceeding, or any inquiry, hearing or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other, including appeal, in which Indemnitee may be or may have been involved as a party or otherwise by reason of an Indemnifiable Event.

B. AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY

1. **General Agreement.** In the event Indemnitee was, is, or becomes a Participant in, or is threatened to be made a Participant in, a Proceeding, the Company shall indemnify the Indemnitee from and against any and all Expenses which Indemnitee incurs or becomes obligated to incur in connection with such Proceeding, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

2. **Indemnification of Expenses of Successful Party.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to the extent that Indemnitee has been successful on the merits in defense of any Proceeding or in defense of any claim, issue or matter in such Proceeding, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses incurred in connection with such Proceeding or such claim, issue or matter, as the case may be.

3. **Partial Indemnification.** If Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of this Agreement to indemnification by the Company for a portion of Expenses, but not for the total amount of Expenses, the Company shall indemnify the Indemnitee for the portion of such Expenses to which Indemnitee is entitled.

4. No Employment Rights. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create in Indemnitee any right to continued employment with the Company.

5. Contribution. If the indemnification provided in this Agreement is unavailable and may not be paid to Indemnitee for any reason other than those set forth in Section B.4, then the Company shall contribute to the amount of Expenses paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred and paid or payable by Indemnitee in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect (i) the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and by the Indemnitee on the other hand from the transaction or events from which such Proceeding arose, and (ii) the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Indemnitee on the other hand in connection with the events which resulted in such Expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Indemnitee on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent the circumstances resulting in such Expenses, judgments, fines or settlement amounts. The Company agrees that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section B.6 were determined by pro rata allocation or any other method of allocation which does not take account of the foregoing equitable considerations.

C. INDEMNIFICATION PROCESS

1. Notice and Cooperation by Indemnitee. Indemnitee shall, as a condition precedent to his/her right to be indemnified under this Agreement, give the Company notice in writing as soon as practicable of any claim made against Indemnitee for which indemnification will or could be sought under this Agreement, provided that the delay of Indemnitee to give notice hereunder shall not prejudice any of Indemnitee's rights hereunder, unless such delay results in the Company's forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses. Notice to the Company shall be given in accordance with Section F.7 below. If, at the time of receipt of such notice, the Company has directors' and officers' liability insurance policies in effect, the Company shall give prompt notice to its insurers of the Proceeding relating to the notice. The Company shall thereafter take all necessary and desirable action to cause such insurers to pay, on behalf of Indemnitee, all Expenses payable as a result of such Proceeding. In addition, Indemnitee shall give the Company such information and cooperation as the Company may reasonably request.

2. Indemnification Payment.

(a) *Advancement of Expenses*. Indemnitee may submit a written request with reasonable particulars to the Company requesting that the Company advance to Indemnitee all Expenses that may be reasonably incurred in advance by Indemnitee in connection with a Proceeding. The Company shall, within 10 business days of receiving such a written request by Indemnitee, advance all requested Expenses to Indemnitee. Any excess of the advanced Expenses over the actual Expenses will be repaid to the Company.

(b) *Reimbursement of Expenses*. To the extent Indemnitee has not requested any advanced payment of Expenses from the Company, Indemnitee shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for the Expenses incurred in connection with a Proceeding from the Company immediately after Indemnitee makes a written request to the Company for reimbursement unless the Company refers the indemnification request to the Reviewing Party in compliance with Section C.2(c) below.

(c) *Determination by the Reviewing Party*. If the Company reasonably believes that it is not obligated under this Agreement to indemnify the Indemnitee, the Company shall, within 10 days after the Indemnitee's written request for an advancement or reimbursement of Expenses, notify the Indemnitee that the request for advancement of Expenses or reimbursement of Expenses will be submitted to the Reviewing Party (as hereinafter defined). The Reviewing Party shall make a determination on the request within 30 days after the Indemnitee's written request for an advancement or reimbursement of Expenses. Notwithstanding anything foregoing to the contrary, in the event the Reviewing Party informs the Company that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification in connection with a Proceeding under this Agreement or applicable law, the Company shall be entitled to be reimbursed by Indemnitee for all the Expenses previously advanced or otherwise paid to Indemnitee in connection with such Proceeding; provided, however, that Indemnitee may bring a suit to enforce his/her indemnification right in accordance with Section C.3 below.

3. Suit to Enforce Rights. Regardless of any action by the Reviewing Party, if Indemnitee has not received full indemnification within 30 days after making a written demand in accordance with Section C.2 above or 50 days if the Company submits a request for advancement or reimbursement to the Reviewing Party under Section C.2(c) above, Indemnitee shall have the right to enforce its indemnification rights under this Agreement by commencing litigation in any court of competent jurisdiction seeking a determination by the court or challenging any determination by the Reviewing Party or any aspect of this Agreement. Any determination by the Reviewing Party not challenged by Indemnitee and any judgment entered by the court shall be binding on the Company and Indemnitee.

4. Assumption of Defense. In the event the Company is obligated under this Agreement to advance or bear any Expenses for any Proceeding against Indemnitee, the Company shall be entitled to assume the defense of such Proceeding, with counsel approved by Indemnitee, upon delivery to Indemnitee of written notice of its election to do so. After delivery of such notice, approval of such counsel by Indemnitee and the retention of such counsel by the Company, the Company will not be liable to Indemnitee under this Agreement for any fees of counsel subsequently incurred by Indemnitee with respect to the same Proceeding, unless (i) the employment of counsel by Indemnitee has been previously authorized by the Company, (ii) Indemnitee shall have reasonably concluded, based on written advice of counsel, that there may be a conflict of interest of such counsel retained by the Company between the Company and Indemnitee in the conduct of any such defense, or (iii) the Company ceases or terminates the employment of such counsel with respect to the defense of such Proceeding, in any of which events the fees and expenses of Indemnitee's counsel shall be at the expense of the Company. At all times, Indemnitee shall have the right to employ counsel in any Proceeding at Indemnitee's expense.

5. Defense to Indemnification, Burden of Proof and Presumptions. It shall be a defense to any action brought by Indemnitee against the Company to enforce this Agreement that it is not permissible under this Agreement or applicable law for the Company to indemnify the Indemnitee for the amount claimed. In connection with any such action or any determination by the Reviewing Party or otherwise as to whether Indemnitee is entitled to be indemnified under this Agreement, the burden of proving such a defense or determination shall be on the Company.

6. No Settlement without Consent. Neither party to this Agreement shall settle any Proceeding in any manner that would impose any damage, loss, penalty or limitation on Indemnitee without the other party's written consent. Neither the Company nor Indemnitee shall unreasonably withhold its consent to any proposed settlement.

7. Company Participation. Subject to Section B.5, the Company shall not be liable to indemnify the Indemnitee under this Agreement with regard to any judicial action if the Company was not given a reasonable and timely opportunity, at its expense, to participate in the defense, conduct and/or settlement of such action.

8. Reviewing Party.

(a) For purposes of this Agreement, the Reviewing Party with respect to each indemnification request of Indemnitee that is referred by the Company pursuant to Section C.2(c) above shall be (A) the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Disinterested Directors (as hereinafter defined), or (B) if a quorum of the Board of Directors consisting of Disinterested Directors is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, said Disinterested Directors so direct, by Independent Counsel in a written opinion to the Board of Directors, a copy of which shall be delivered to Indemnitee. If the Reviewing Party determines that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, payment to Indemnitee shall be made within 10 days after such determination. Indemnitee shall cooperate with the person, persons or entity making such determination with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification, including providing to such person, persons or entity upon reasonable advance request any documentation or information which is not privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure and which is reasonably available to Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to such determination. Any Independent Counsel or member of the Board of Directors shall act reasonably and in good faith in making a determination under this Agreement of the Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification. Any reasonable costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) incurred by Indemnitee in so cooperating with the person, persons or entity making such determination shall be borne by the Company (irrespective of the determination as to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification) and the Company hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold Indemnitee harmless therefrom. "Disinterested Director" means a director of the Company who is not and was not a party to the Proceeding in respect of which indemnification is sought by Indemnitee.

(b) If the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by Independent Counsel, the Independent Counsel shall be selected as provided in this Section C.8(b). The Independent Counsel shall be selected by Indemnitee (unless Indemnitee shall request that such selection be made by the Board of Directors, in which event the proceeding sentence shall apply), and Indemnitee shall give written notice to the Company advising it of the identity of the Independent Counsel so selected. In either event, Indemnitee or the Company, as the case may be, may, within 10 days after such written notice of selection shall have been given, deliver to the Company or to Indemnitee, as the case may be, a written objection to such selection; *provided, however*, that such objection may be asserted only on the ground that the Independent Counsel so selected does not meet the requirements of “Independent Counsel” as defined in Section C.8(d) of this Agreement, and the objection shall set forth with particularity the factual basis of such assertion. Absent a proper and timely objection, the person so selected shall act as Independent Counsel. If a written objection is made and substantiated, the Independent Counsel selected may not serve as Independent Counsel unless and until such objection is withdrawn or a court has determined that such objection is without merit. If, within 20 days after submission by Indemnitee of a written request for indemnification, no Independent Counsel shall have been selected and not objected to, either the Company or Indemnitee may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for resolution of any objection which shall have been made by the Company or Indemnitee to the other’s selection of Independent Counsel and/or for the appointment as Independent Counsel of a person selected by the court or by such other person as the court shall designate, and the person with respect to whom all objections are so resolved or the person so appointed shall act as Independent Counsel. The Company shall pay any and all reasonable fees and expenses of Independent Counsel incurred by such Independent Counsel in connection with acting under this Agreement, and the Company shall pay all reasonable fees and expenses incident to the procedures of this Section C.8(b), regardless of the manner in which such Independent Counsel was selected or appointed.

(c) In making a determination with respect to entitlement to indemnification hereunder, the Reviewing Party shall presume that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement if Indemnitee has submitted a request for indemnification in accordance with this Agreement, and the Company shall have the burden of proof to overcome that presumption in connection with the making by any person, persons or entity of any determination contrary to that presumption. The termination of any Proceeding or of any claim, issue or matter therein, by judgment, order, settlement (with or without court approval), conviction, or upon a plea of *nolocontendere* or its equivalent, shall not (except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement) of itself adversely affect the right of Indemnitee to indemnification or create a presumption that Indemnitee did not act in good faith and in a manner which he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company or, with respect to any criminal Proceeding, that Indemnitee had reasonable cause to believe that his/her conduct was unlawful. For purposes of any determination of good faith, Indemnitee shall be deemed to have acted in good faith if Indemnitee’s action is based on the records or books of account of the Company and any other corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity of which Indemnitee is or was serving at the written request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary, including financial statements, or on information supplied to Indemnitee by the officers and directors of the Company or such other corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity in the course of their duties, or on the advice of legal counsel for the Company or such other corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity or on information or records given or reports made to the Company or such other corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity by an independent certified public accountant or by an appraiser or other expert selected with reasonable care by the Company or such other corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity. In addition, the knowledge and/or actions, or failure to act, of any director, officer, agent or employee of the Company or such other corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity shall not be imputed to Indemnitee for purposes of determining the right to indemnification under this Agreement. The provisions of this Section C.8(c) shall not be deemed to be exclusive or to limit in any way the other circumstances in which the Indemnitee may be deemed to have met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this Agreement.

(d) “Independent Counsel” means a law firm, or a member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the past five years has been, retained to represent (i) the Company or Indemnitee in any matter material to either such party (other than with respect to matters concerning the Indemnitee under this Agreement, or of other indemnitees under similar indemnification agreements), or (ii) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term “Independent Counsel” shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Company or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee’s rights under this Agreement. The Company agrees to pay the reasonable fees of the Independent Counsel referred to above and to fully indemnify such counsel against any and all Expenses, claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its engagement pursuant hereto.

D. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER LIABILITY INSURANCE

1. Good Faith Determination. The Company shall from time to time make the good faith determination whether or not it is practicable for the Company to obtain and maintain a policy or policies of insurance with reputable insurance companies providing the officers and directors of the Company with coverage for losses incurred in connection with their services to the Company or to ensure the Company’s performance of its indemnification obligations under this Agreement.
2. Coverage of Indemnitee. To the extent the Company maintains an insurance policy or policies providing directors’ and officers’ liability insurance, Indemnitee shall be covered by such policy or policies, in accordance with its or their terms, to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any of the Company’s directors or officers.
3. No Obligation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have no obligation to obtain or maintain any director and officer insurance policy if the Company determines in good faith that such insurance is not reasonably available in the case that (i) premium costs for such insurance are disproportionate to the amount of coverage provided, or (ii) the coverage provided by such insurance is limited by exclusions so as to provide an insufficient benefit.

E. NON-EXCLUSIVITY; U.S. FEDERAL PREEMPTION; TERM

1. Non-Exclusivity. The indemnification provided by this Agreement shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights to which Indemnitee may be entitled under the Company’s current memorandum and articles of association, as may be amended from time to time, applicable law or any written agreement between Indemnitee and the Company (including its subsidiaries and affiliates). The indemnification provided under this Agreement shall continue to be available to Indemnitee for any action taken or not taken while serving in an indemnified capacity even though he/she may have ceased to serve in any such capacity at the time of any Proceeding.
2. U.S. Federal Preemption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, both the Company and Indemnitee acknowledge that in certain instances, U.S. federal law or public policy may override applicable law and prohibit the Company from indemnifying its directors and officers under this Agreement or otherwise. Such instances include, but are not limited to, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”)’s prohibition on indemnification for liabilities arising under certain U.S. federal securities laws. Indemnitee understands and acknowledges that the Company has undertaken or may be required in the future to undertake with the SEC to submit the question of indemnification to a court in certain circumstances for a determination of the Company’s right under public policy to indemnify Indemnitee.
3. Duration of Agreement. All agreements and obligations of the Company contained herein shall continue during the period Indemnitee is an officer and/or a director of the Company (or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise) and shall continue thereafter so long as Indemnitee shall be subject to any Proceeding by reason of his/her former or current capacity at the Company, whether or not he/she is acting or serving in any such capacity at the time any Expense is incurred for which indemnification can be provided under this Agreement. This Agreement shall continue in effect regardless of whether Indemnitee continues to serve as an officer and/or a director of the Company or any other enterprise at the Company’s request.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Amendment of this Agreement. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the parties hereto. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any other provisions (whether or not similar), nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, no failure to exercise or any delay in exercising any right or remedy shall constitute a waiver.

2. Subrogation. In the event of payment to Indemnitee by the Company under this Agreement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of Indemnitee, who shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the Company to bring suit to enforce such rights.

3. Assignment; Binding Effect. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned by either party hereto without the prior written consent of the other party; except that the Company may, without such consent, assign all such rights and obligations to a successor in interest to the Company which assumes all obligations of the Company under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by and against the parties hereto and the Company's successors (including any direct or indirect successor by purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company) and assigns, as well as Indemnitee's spouses, heirs, and personal and legal representatives.

4. Severability and Construction. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to require or shall be construed as requiring the Company to do or fail to do any act in violation of applicable law. The Company's inability, pursuant to a court order, to perform its obligations under this Agreement shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement. In addition, if any portion of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The parties hereto acknowledge that they each have opportunities to have their respective counsels review this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be deemed to be the product of both of the parties hereto, and no ambiguity shall be construed in favor of or against either of the parties hereto.

5. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts, both of which taken together shall constitute one instrument.

6. Governing Law. This agreement and all acts and transactions pursuant hereto and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to conflicts of law provisions thereof.

7. Notices. All notices, demands, and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be made in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand, against receipt, or mailed via postage prepaid, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the Company at:

CN ENERGY GROUP, INC.

Attention: Chief Executive Officer

and to Indemnitee at his/her address last known to the Company.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(Signature page follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this Agreement as of the date first written above.

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Indemnitee

Signature: _____
Name:

[Signature Page to Indemnification Agreement]

Form of Supplying Agreement

Party A: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. - Tahe Biopower Plant

Party B:

The following agreements are reached after friendly negotiation based on the reciprocal principle of both parties.

1. The price of wood chips is subjected to the mutual agreement of both parties, the total payment for each purchase will be determined after delivery;
2. The processing specification of wood chips is determined by Party A;
3. Any dispute occurred during the implementation of this agreement is allowed to be solved by negotiation between the two parties.
4. If any other issues occur, supplemental agreements can be added after negotiation between both parties. Supplemental agreement is equally effective as this agreement.
5. This agreement is entered by and between Party A and Party B upon signing and stamping. This agreement is made in duplicate with one copy held by each party.

Party A: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. - Tahe Biopower Plant

Party B:

Form of Activated Carbon Sales Agreement

Customer (Party A):

Contract No.

Supplier (Party B): Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. - Tahe Biopower Plant

Date:

1. Product, unit, quantity, price per unit, and total amount

No.	Product Name	Specification	Unit	Quantity	Price per Unit (RMB)	Total Amount (RMB)	Note
1	Activated Carbon		Ton				
Total amount with tax (RMB):							

2. Payment method and term: Party A shall make the payment by bank's acceptance bill or wire transfer within three month after delivery;

3. Quality requirements: The quality shall meet the national requirements for related products;

4. The Delivered place: Appointed by Party A;

5. Transportation and expenses: Party B shall handle the transportation on behalf of Party A. Party B should fully consider Party A's requirements, and negotiate an applicable transportation way and transportation tool, as well as any expenses occurred during the transportation;

6. Package standard and requirements: the packages should be qualified for multiple loads and unloads and to endure long-distance transportation. Package standard is to ensure the goods will reach destination safely and in undamaged condition with normal multiple loads and unloads. Party B will provide packaging materials and pay for the related packaging cost;

7. Inspection standards and methods: Party A shall inspect the goods according to the standards in this agreement. Party A shall express disagreement in writing within 10 days upon receiving the goods. If Party A does not express any disagreement on the quality during that period, the goods will be considered as qualified.

8. Breach of the Agreement: if Party B fails to deliver the products to Party A within the 10 days after the agreed delivery date, Party A shall have the right to terminate the agreement without consent from Party B.

9. Damages: If Party B fails to meet the quality requirements of the products, it should pay liquidated damages of 10% of the total amount for those products. If either party fails to perform its obligations under this agreement due to force majeure, it shall inform the other party at the earliest time possible and shall not be held responsible.

10. Others: Any dispute occurred during the implementation of this agreement is allowed to be solved by negotiation between two parties. In case no settlement has been reached, any party may sue at the local court.

11. Term: this agreement will take effect on the signing date and terminate after all responsibility are performed.

12. This agreement is made in duplicate with one copy held by each party. All facsimiles and scan copies have the same legal force as the original one.

Corporate stamp of Party A:

Party A:

Name:

Address:

Contact Person:

Tel:

Bank:

Account No.

Tax No.

Corporate stamp of Party B:

Party B: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. - Tahe Biopower Plant

Name:

Address:

Contact Person:

Tel:

Bank:

Account No.:

Tax No.:

Biomass Electricity Sales Agreement

Contract No:

The Buyer: State Grid Heilongjiang Electric Power Company Limited Greater Khingan Range Power Company

Address: West Side of Meteorological Bureau, Landscape Avenue, Jiagedaqi District, Greater Khingan Range, Heilongjiang Province

Tel: **Fax:**

Bank Name:

Bank:

Account No

The Seller: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd.

Address: No. 16, Tahe Industrial Park, Greater Khingan Range, Heilongjiang Province

Tel: **Fax:**

Bank Name:

Bank:

Account No:

Whereas:

- (1) The Seller owns and manages a power plant with a total installed capacity of 3 MW in Tahe County, Greater Khingan Range (There are 6 units, #1 to #6, 0.5 MW per unit).
- (2) The power plant has been integrated into the national grid.

After friendly consultation, the Buyer and the Seller entered into a one-year contract subject to the agreement as below:

1. Definition and explanation

The technical term for this contract is list below:

- a) Power Plant: The address for the power plant is listed below:
No.16th Industrial Park, Tahe County, Greater Khingan Range, Heilongjiang Province. The actual amount of power annually: the amount of electricity power that seller transmitted to the buyer at the meter each year.
 - b) Annual contract power consumption: The electricity purchase amount for each year
 - c) Scheduled outage: The power plant is in the state of planned repair period, including the holiday repaired plan and so on.
 - d) Out of scheduled outage: The power plant is disabled but off the plan.
 - e) Available hour: The number of hour that power unit is in service
 - f) Responsibility of the buyer: Any activity that out of the line is due to buyer's responsibility
 - g) Emergency circumstances: Any accident happened for the power plant
 - h) Work day: Any workdays except national holidays
 - i) Force Majeure: Neither of the Parties will be liable if, as a result of force majeure – in particular natural catastrophes, war, unrest, industrial action, business shut down or interruption – by reason of extreme factors, administrative measures or other events outside the Parties' control, it is prevented from fulfilling this Contract.
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- j) The date of this contract refers to the Gregorian calendar.
- k) The definition of “include” in the contract: including but not limited to.

2 The both side stated:

- a) The party in contract is a company that established according to the law, it has the authority to sign and follow the contract.
- b) The signatories of both parties are legal and valid representatives, and the contract shall be binding upon both parties.

3 Obligation of both parties

Buyer’s obligation:

- a) Buyer shall Purchase electricity in accordance with the contract.
- b) The power plant shall operate in accordance with Chinese national standards and keep the safety, quality and economy of the power system.
- c) According to the relevant Chinese national rules, this contract shall be modified if the relevant provisions of the state are changed.

Seller’s obligation:

- a) Seller shall sell electricity in accordance with the contract and the relevant Chinese national standards.
- b) Seller shall provide reliability index and equipment operation status to buyers monthly.
- c) According to the relevant Chinese national rules, direct power supply to the customers is not allowed.

4 Purchase and sale

Annual accumulative power consumption:

According to “Heilongjiang power grid 2019 power balance plan” [No.(2019)293] announcement, when the market changes, the buyer has the authority to change the proportion of annual contract power consumption.

The annual power supply is 4,000 MW. Combined with the annual maintenance plan and the law of power supply and demand, the monthly contract power consumption is as follows:

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0	0	0	0	340	460	450	450	570	580	570	580

- a) Deviation of actual generation allowable rate:

The daily actual power may be different with the standard of power dispatch station. The allowable deviation range of power is between -5% to 5% for Renewable energy, biomass and comprehensive utilization power unit and 2% for other power unit.

- b) At the end of the contract year, if the cumulated electricity that the buyer purchased is less than the amount listed in the contract, the buyer shall pay corresponding compensation according to the formula list below:

The electricity that purchased less than the contract = contract for annual electricity purchase- cumulated electricity that buyer purchased

The compensation amount = the electricity that purchased less than the contract* The Electricity price that approved by Government.

5 Price and adjustment

- a) According to the state government pricing policy, the electricity price is 750 RMB/MW.
- b) The price may be subject to readjustments when any price adjustment policy is released in the future.

6. Electric power measurement

- a) Electric energy metering device and related equipment

Electric energy metering device includes Electricity energy meter, voltage transformers, current transformers and secondary circuits. Electrical energy master station management system is a system that can realize automatic collection, time-sharing storage and statistical analysis of remote technical data.

- b) The electric energy metering device shall be installed by the seller. Before the electric energy metering device starts to work, it shall be tested according to the rule of "Regulation of electric energy metering technology management" (DL/T448-2000). For the part of unsatisfactory project content, the transformation shall be completed within a time limit agreed upon by both parties through consultation. Any party may, at any time, require that the electrical energy metering device be calibrated or tested in addition to the regular calibration. The calibration or testing shall be settled up by the electric energy metering and testing institution recognized by the Chinese national metrological administration department and confirmed by both parties.

7. Settlement policy

- a) The electricity bill should be paid monthly and settled yearly. The capacity should be calculated on the same day of every month at 12:00 a.m. (GMT+8).
- b) Both parties shall use the electricity quantity measured by the master meter as the basis for settlement. The data of secondary table will be used when the first table is disabled or lost.

8. Payment calculate formula

- a) Electricity bill shall be calculated and settled on RMB.
- b) On-grid electricity shall be calculated by the formula list below:

On-grid electricity = Quantity of electric charge * electricity price

- c) The seller shall issue a VAT invoice according to the "statement of electricity charges" which is confirmed by the buyer. When buyer received the original documents of VAT invoices, the on-grid electricity charges of the specific period shall be paid at twice. First, the buyer shall pay the 50% of the charges within five workdays after received the VAT invoices. Second, the buyer shall pay the rest of the 50% within 15 workdays after received the VAT invoices.
 - d) If the buyer could not pay the charges on time, the buyer shall pay the 0.3% to 0.5% of the overdue payment as the compensation to the seller. After negotiation by both parties, a penalty of 0.4% of the delayed payment shall be charged for each day that is overdue. The overdue days shall be calculated from the next day after the second payment's deadline.
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- e) After the test for power plant unit is completed, the buyer shall pay the electricity charge which is generated during the testing period within a month,
- f) If buyer or seller provides each other any related service, the charge should be paid to each other according to relevant Chinese national rules.
- g) The difference between the approved electricity charge and the temporary settlement shall be calculated and paid in one month.
- h) Both parties shall keep their own original materials and records for further verification and examination.

9. Force Majeure

- a) If the occurrence of force majeure completely or partially prevents a Party from fulfilling any of its obligations under this Contract, that Party may suspend its obligations, provided that: (aa) the exempting or delaying the performance of obligations are reasonable during the period of force majeure (ab) the Party should continue to perform other obligations which are not affected by force majeure (ac) when force majeure ends, the Party should resume the performance of its obligations as soon as possible.
- b) In such circumstances, one Party should give the other a written notice in three (3) days. Both Parties will be released from performance under this Contract until the obstacle no longer exists.
- c) The Parties should contact each other and discuss the measures that are to be taken. The Parties agree that the fulfillment of this Contract is to be re-established by all reasonable technical.
- d) If Force Majeure prevents a Party from fulfilling its obligations for more than thirty (30) days, the parties shall decide to continue to perform or terminate this Contract. If the parties cannot reach an agreement after the event of force majeure continues for fifty (50) days, either Party has the right to terminate the Contract with a writing notice, except as otherwise provided in this Contract.

10. Out of scheduled outage

- a) The out of scheduled outage assessment is carried out in accordance with the regulations formulated by the energy regulatory authority.

11. Liability for Breach of Contract

- a) Any breach of the terms of this Contract by either Party shall be deemed to be a breach of Contract, and the other Party shall have the right to claim compensation for the economic losses caused by the breach of Contract.
- b) In the event of breach of Contract, the non-breaching Party shall immediately notify the breaching Party to stop the breach.
- c) Before the expiration of Contract, if either Party expresses or fails to perform its Contractual obligations by its own actions, the other Party may require the other Party to bear the liability for breach of Contract.

11. Duration of the Contract

- a) This Contract comes into force after it is signed or sealed by the each Party concerned and the grid-connected dispatching protocol is effective.
 - b) The Contract enters into effect upon signing by each Party and has a fixed term from January 1st 2019 to December 31st 2019.
 - c) This Contract may be automatically extended for addition terms with no objection notification from both parties.
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12. Applicable Law

- a) The law of the PRC shall apply in relation to the content of this Contract, its implementation as well as to rights arising out of or in connection with this Contract.

13. Assignment and Termination of Contract

- a) Changes or supplements must be made in written form.
- b) With the prior written authorization of the other Party, neither Party has the right to transfer all or part of its rights and obligations under this Contract to third Party.
- c) No Party shall assign this Contract except that the content of the Contract is inconsistent with the laws and regulations of nation or energy regulatory authority.
- d) No Party shall terminate this Contract except for the bankruptcy, liquidation, transfer of assets, and revocation of licenses, or a Party fails to perform its obligations for thirty (30) days. If the above conditions occur, either Party may terminate the Contract thirty (30) days after sending the other notice.

14. Disputes

- a) All disputes arising in the performance of this Contract shall be settled by the friendly negotiation of each side; in case no settlement can be reached, the disputes shall be then submitted to the Local Arbitration Commission in China.

15. Others

- a) No Party shall make or authorize any news release, advertisement, or other disclosure which shall confirm the existence or convey any aspect of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other parties except as may be required to perform this Agreement, or as required by law.
- b) The annexes to this Contract are an integral part of this Contract, and the Contract and its annexes shall be equally binding.
- c) The Contract and its annexes constitute the whole, and replace all previous agreements, negotiations and contracts.
- d) All notices or agreements shall be delivered by facsimile, nationally recognized overnight courier (such as federal express), or hand delivered to the two parties. Notice or agreements shall be effective upon the day received, or the day sent the facsimile.
- e) This Contract is in five copies and comes into force only after it is signed or sealed by the each Party concerned. Each Party keeps two, and the other one is kept by the Northeast China Energy Regulatory Bureau.

The Buyer (Signature and Seal)

/s/ State Grid Heilongjiang Electric Power Company Limited Greater Khingan Range Power Company

The Seller (Signature and Seal)

/s/ Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd.

Land and Facility Lease Agreement

Lessor (Party A): Tahe Forestry Bureau

Lessee (Party B): Greater Khingan Range Xingsen High Technology Co., Ltd.

The following agreements are reached after friendly negotiation based on the reciprocal principle of both parties.

1. Party A agrees to lease a plot of land together with attached facilities located at Tahe machine repair plant to Party B. The size of the land shall be determined on the basis of field measurement before construction and renovation.
2. The lease term shall be 20 years, from May 1, 2009, to April 30, 2029. During the lease term, Party B can apply to purchase the land use rights at any time. Under the same conditions, Party B shall enjoy priority for purchasing the land use rights.
3. In order to support the operation of Party B, Party A agrees not to charge any rent during the lease term. Instead, part B is obligated to pay for all land use right tax and property tax.
4. The land shall be leased for the construction and operation of Tahe power plant only. Party A can terminate the agreement at any time if the land is used for other purposes.
5. Party B shall not sublet the leased land to a third party during the lease term without the written consent of Party A.
6. Party A shall guarantee that the Infrastructure of delivered land and its attached facilities is ready for lease.
7. Party A agrees Party B to rebuild, expand or decorate the leased land and Party A shall have the obligation to assist Party B in undertaking relevant formalities for such land.
8. Any dispute arising out from this Contract shall be solved by both parties through consultation. If the dispute is not settled through consultation, it shall be submitted to the court.
9. Any matter not covered herein shall be agreed upon separately by both parties in the amendment of this agreement. The contents in the amendment constitute a part of this agreement and shall have the same legal effect as this agreement after being signed by both parties.
10. This agreement shall be effective upon signing of each party.
11. This agreement is made in duplicate with one copy held by each party with the same legal force.

Party A (Signature & Seal): /s/ Tahe Forestry Bureau

Date: April 21, 2009

Party B (Signature & Seal): /s/ Greater Khingan Range Xingsen High Technology Co., Ltd.

Date: April 21, 2009

Lease Agreement

Lessor (Party A): Hangzhou Focused Photonics Technology Park Limited

Business License No:

Legal Representative: Chen, Yingping

Appointed Representative: Song, Yuehua

Tel:

Post Code: 310052

Business Address: No.459 Qianmo Rd, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang

Lessee (Party B): Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd.

Business License No:

Legal Representative: Wang, Zhengyu

Tel:

Post Code: 310052

Business Address: Rm1101, Block 1, No.400 Jianger Rd, Changhe Street, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang

This Contract is entered into by and between Party A and Party B through friendly consultation and in accordance with the Contract Law of the People's Republic of China and the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Urban Real Estate.

Article 1 Party A leases the real estate located at Rm901, Building A, API Center, No.459 Qianmo Rd, Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang with a total construction area of 375.25 square meters to Party B.

Article 2 Party A shall deliver the real estate to Party B before March 20, 2018 and go through the related transfer formalities.

Article 3 The real estate shall be leased for office use only.

Article 5 The term of Party B's leasing of the leased real estate shall be from May 10, 2018 to May 9, 2020.

Article 6 The rent for the leased real estate is RMB[] per square meter per day through May 10, 2018 to May 9, 2019 and total annual rent is RMB[]; the rent for the leased real estate is RMB[] per square meter per day through May 10, 2019 to May 9, 2020 and total annual rent is RMB[].

Article 7 Party B shall pay the rent for the first quarter within 10 days upon signing the agreement with an amount of RMB[].

Article 8 Party B shall pay the rent to Party A before the 10th day of the first month of each quarter.

Article 9 While delivering the leased real estate, Party A shall be entitled to demand from Party B a deposit of RMB[] within three days upon signing the agreement. If party B fails to pay the deposit, party A has the right to terminate the agreement and demand a liquidated damage equal to 30% of annual rent.

The conditions under which Party A shall refund the deposit within seven days to Party B are as follows:

1. on the expiration or early termination of the contract agreed by both parties,
2. Settling rent, electricity and water fees and management fee on the date of expiration of this Contract,
3. The leased real estate and its attached facilities are in good condition.

In case of any of the following circumstances, Party A shall not refund the deposit:

1. Party B refuses to compensate any damages or failures occurred to the leased real estate or its attached facilities.
2. Party B delays the payments of the rent, public utility expenses or any other relevant expenses over 30 days.
3. Party B delays the payments of utility expenses during the lease term including water, electricity or any other relevant expenses over 30 days.
4. Party B terminates the contract arbitrarily.
5. Party B has terminated the contract by party A due to its violation of the contract.

Article 10 Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, Party B shall move out of and return the leased real estate within 10 day and ensure that the leased real estate and its attached facilities are in good condition (except normal wear). Meanwhile, Party B shall settle various expenses which it shall be liable for and handle relevant delivery formalities.

Article 11 During the lease term, Party B shall pay for the property management fee at RMB[] per square meter per month and utilities and energy consumption fees incurred from the real estate.

Article 12 Party A shall guarantee that the delivered real estate and its attached facilities can realize the purpose of lease and its security satisfy the requirements stipulated in relevant laws, regulations and rules.

Party B shall make proper use of the leased real estate and its attached facilities, and shall not use the leased real estate for purposes in violation of the law. Party A shall not disturb or interfere with Party B's proper use of the leased real estate.

Party B shall neither wholly nor partially sublet the leased real estate to a third party during the lease term without the written consent of Party A.

Party B shall not rebuild, expand or decorate the leased real estate without the written consent of Party A.

Article 13 Breach of Contract

- a. If Party A delivers the leased real estate on a date later than the date stipulated in the Contract, party A shall pay the amount equal to three over ten thousand present of first year's rent each day as penalty. If party A delayed to deliver the real estate over 30 days, this Contract may be terminated or altered and Party A shall refund rent and relevant expenses that are already paid before and pays additional double amount of the deposit as penalty.
- b. During the term of this Contract, if party A terminates the contract arbitrarily, this Contract may be terminated or altered and Party A shall refund rent and deposit that are already paid before and pays additional double amount of the deposit as penalty.
- c. If Party B delays the payments of the rent or relevant expenses, party B shall pay the amount of three over ten thousand present of first year's rent each day as penalty. If party B delayed to pay the rent or relevant expenses over 30 days, party A has the authority to terminate or altered the contract and forfeit deposit. Party B shall also compensate for relevant loss according to the contract.
- d. If Party B refused to move out from the real estate or complete the relative procedures over 15 days after the contract has been terminated or expired, party A has the authority to forfeit deposit. Party B shall pay the penalty which is equal to five times of daily rent per day.
- e. During the term of this Contract, if party B terminates the contract arbitrarily, party A has the authority to forfeit the deposit. Party B shall pay thirty present of the annual rent as penalty.
- f. During the term of this Contract, in any of the following circumstances, this Contract may be terminated or altered and Party B shall pay thirty present of the annual rent as penalty and compensate for relevant loss including direct or indirect loss and expected benefit loss. It shall also be responsible for compensate the evidence collection fee and agency commission:
- 1) Party B delays the payments of the rent or relevant expenses over 30 days.
 - 2) Party B decorates or changes the structure of the leased real estate without permission of Party A or approval of relevant authority
 - 3) Party B uses the leased real estate for other purposes.
 - 4) Party B sublets the leased real estate to a third party, or shares the real estate with the third party.
 - 5) Party B uses the leased real estate for purposes in violation of the law
 - 6) Party B has suspended the business for more than three months.
 - 7) Party A terminates or alters the contract due to Party B's violation of the contract.

Article 14 Upon expiration of the lease term agreed herein, if Party B intends to renew the lease, it shall propose the renewal to Party A two months prior to the expiration date of the lease. If both parties agree upon the renewal of the lease, they shall conclude a contract separately.

Upon expiration of the lease term agreed herein, if Party B intends not to renew the lease, it shall propose a written notification to Party A 2 months prior to the expiration date of the lease.

Under the same conditions, Party B shall enjoy priority for leasing.

Any agreement on amending of any content of this Contract reached by both parties during the lease term shall be in written.

Article 15 Any dispute arising out from this Contract shall be solved by both parties through consultation. If the dispute is not settled through intermediation, it shall be submitted to the people's court.

Article 16 Any matter not covered herein shall be agreed upon separately by both parties in the amendment of this agreement. The contents in the amendment constitute a part of this agreement and shall have the same legal effect as this agreement after being signed by both parties.

Article 17 This Contract is made in quadruplicate, two for each party.

Party A (Signature & Seal): /s/ Hangzhou Focused Photonics Technology Park Limited

Party B (Signature & Seal): /s/ Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd.

Loan Agreement

This contract is entered into by and between the lender and the borrower on an equal and voluntary basis according to law. In order to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the borrower, the lender hereby requests the borrower to pay full attention to all the provisions concerning the rights and obligations of both parties, especially the contents in bold type.

Lender: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited Tahe Branch

Address: _____

Borrower: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Tahe Power Plant

Legal representative: Fenghong Qu

Address: _____

Zip code: _____

Fax: __ Telephone: __

E-mail address: _____ Contact person: _____ Mobile phone No. : _____

Alipay account No.: _____ Aliwangwang account No.: _____

Part One: Basic Clauses

Article 1 Purpose of Loan

The loan shall be used for the following purposes. The borrower shall not use the loan for any other purpose without the written consent of the lender, and the lender shall have the right to supervise the purpose of the money.

Purpose of borrowing: Production and Operation Activities.

Article 2 Amount and Term

2.1 The amount of the loan shall be RMB[Amount of Principal]. The term of the loan shall be calculated from the date of withdrawal and the maturity date shall be [Maturity Date]. The withdrawal date shall be subject to the withdrawal instruction. The borrower shall make a one-time withdrawal.



2.2 The terms of the loan shall be from [Agreement Date], to [Maturity Date].

Article 3 Interest rates, Interest and Expenses

3.1 [Determination the interest rate]

The interest rate shall be determined in the following manner:

The interest rate is determined by the benchmark interest rate plus the floating range, in which the benchmark interest rate is according to the people's bank of China on the date of withdrawal corresponds to the borrowing term, and the floating range is upward (upward/downward/zero) 80.000000 %. After the borrower withdraws the money, the interest rate of the loan shall be 12 (1-12) months for one period, which shall be adjusted and calculated at different phases. The date on which the interest rate of the second installment is fixed shall be the corresponding date after of the first installment. If the corresponding date is uncertain, the last day of that month shall be the corresponding date, and other periods shall be the same.

(3) The borrowing interest rate is determined by the benchmark interest rate plus the floating range, of which the benchmark interest rate is the (annual/monthly) basic loan interest rate (LPR) published by the national interbank lending center before the withdrawal date, and the floating range is _____ (up/down/zero) _____ % or (plus/minus/zero) 0.01%. The interest rate of the loan after withdrawal shall be adjusted in the ways specified in (A) below:

A. Take 12 (1/3/6/12) months as one phase, the interest should be adjusted and calculated at each phase. The interest rate determination date of the second and subsequent phases shall be the adjusted after the withdrawal, and the lender shall adjust the interest rate of the loan according to the base interest rate and the floating range published by the national interbank lending center of the previous working day.

B. No adjustment during the whole term.

3.2 The loan interest shall be calculated daily and settled monthly from the date of withdrawal. When the loan is due, the interest should be paid off with the principal. The daily interest rate = the annual interest rate /360.

3.3 The overdue penalty interest rate under this contract shall be determined by adding 50.000000 % to the original loan interest rate, and the penalty interest rate for embezzlement shall be determined by adding 50.000000 % to the original loan interest rate.

Article 4 Withdrawal

4.1 After the lender distributes the fund to the borrower's withdrawal account as agreed herein, the borrower shall withdraw the loan one time [Agreement Date] (withdrawal date). If the borrower fails to make a lump-sum withdrawal as agreed, the lender shall have the right to cancel all or part of the loan agreement.

4.2 The borrower may draw the loan hereunder by (2):

- (1) Withdrawing the loan directly from the designated branch of the lender;
- (2) Withdrawing the loan through the e-bank of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China ("Industrial and Commercial Bank").

Article 5 Repayment

5.1 The borrower shall repay the loan in the ways specified in (1) below:

- (1) The loan shall be pay off when it is maturity
- (2) Other: _____

Article 6 Account

The borrower shall use the following accounts for withdrawal and repayment:

Withdrawal account: [***]

Repayment account: [***]

Article 7 Guarantee

The _____ has provided guarantee for the underlying loan, and the information of the corresponding guarantee contract is as follows:

The Contact No: _____

The guarantor: _____

The contract shall be separately signed by the lender and the guarantor, and the specific

details are listed above.

Article 8 Others

Part Two: Specific Clauses

Article 1 Interest rate and Interest

- 1.1 The interest rate is determined by the benchmark interest rate plus the floating range, the overdue interest rate shall be determined by the same manner.
- 1.2 If the interest is settled monthly, the settlement date shall be 20th of each month, if the interest is settled quarterly, the settlement date shall be 20th of the third month, if the interest is settled semi-annually, and the settlement date shall be June 20th and December 20th.
- 1.3 The first interest period is from the withdraw date to the first settlement date; the last interest period is from the second date of previous settlement to the repayment date. The rest interest periods are from the second date of previous settlement to the next settlement date.
- 1.4 Loan interest = loan principal × daily interest rate × actual days of use.

If equal principal and interest repayment method is adopted, the calculation formula of principal and interest shall be as follows:

Total principal and interest of each period = (financing principal × period interest rate × period repayment period) / ((period interest rate) repayment period - 1)

- 1.5 The new interest rate shall be adopted in case the People's Bank of China decides to adjust the determination method for the interest rate, and the lender is not obligated to notify the borrower.
- 1.6 If the interest rate on the signing date is lower than the LPR rate, the lender has the right to cancel the interest preference based the evaluation of policy change, credit status, etc. and notify the borrower in time every year.

Article 2 Withdraw

- 2.1 The withdrawal of the loan must meet the following preconditions; otherwise the lender is not obligated to make any payment to the borrower, except that the lender agrees to make the loan in advance:
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(1) Other than the credit loan, the borrower has provided corresponding guarantees as required by the lender and has completed relevant guarantees procedures.

(2) At the time of withdrawal, the borrower's statements and guarantees under this agreement are still true, accurate, and complete, and no breach of this agreement or any other agreements signed by the borrower or the lender has happened.

(3) The proof of loan use provided is consistent with the agreed use.

(4) Submit other information required by the lender.

(5) If the borrower withdraws the loan through the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Electronic Bank, the "Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Electronic Bank Corporate Customer Service Agreement" signed with the lender is always valid within the loan period.

2.2 If the borrower withdraws the loan through the designated business outlet of the lender, it must submit a withdrawal notice to the lender at least five working days in advance. Once the withdrawal notice is submitted, it cannot be revoked without the written consent of the lender.

2.3 If the borrower withdraws the loan through the ICBC Electronic Bank, the borrower shall sign the "Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Electronic Bank Corporate Customer Service Agreement" with the lender, promise to abide by the "ICBC Electronic Banking Charter" and related transaction rules, and operate in accordance with the relevant transaction rules. The withdrawal instruction submitted by the borrower through the ICBC electronic bank and confirmed by the lender is regarded as a debit note.

2.4 After the borrower satisfies the prerequisites for withdrawal or advances the loan with the consent of the lender, the lender will transfer the loan to the borrower's withdrawal account agreed in this contract, which means that the lender has issued the loan to the borrower in accordance with the contract.

2.5 According to the relevant regulatory regulations and lender management requirements, loans exceeding a certain amount or meeting other conditions should use the lender's fiduciary payment method, and the lender will pay the loan to the person in accordance with the contract according to the borrower's withdrawal application and payment entrustment.

2.6 When handling the entrusted payment, the borrower shall provide the lender with the information of the account of the payment object and the certification materials to prove that the withdrawal is in accordance with the agreed purpose. The borrower should ensure that all information provided to the lender is true, complete and valid.

2.7 When handling the entrusted payment, the lender only conducts a formal review of the relevant information provided by the borrower, such as the payment target information and the loan use certification materials. If the lender does not complete the timely due to the untrue, inaccurate and incomplete information provided by the borrower, the lender does not assume any responsibility.

2.8 If the lender finds inconsistency or other defects in the use certification materials and other related materials provided by the borrower after review, it has the right to request the borrower to supplement, replace, explain or resubmit the relevant information, and submit the materials that meet the management requirements of the lender before the borrower. The lender has the right to refuse the issuance and payment of related money.

2.9 According to the purpose of the loan agreed in this contract, the lender has the right to require the borrower, independent intermediary agency and other relevant parties to issue relevant certification materials such as a common visa slip.

2.10 If the lender, after review, believes that the information provided by the borrower is consistent with the agreed use of the loan and the withdrawal is in accordance with this contract, the loan will first be transferred to the borrower's withdrawal account agreed in this contract, and then related to the accounts designated by the borrower.

2.11 Under any of the following circumstances, the lender shall have the right to re-determine the conditions for the issuance and payment of the loan, or to cancel the contract and payment of the loan:

- (1) The borrower provides incorrect or invalid information to the lender to obtain financing;
 - (2) Any negative influence for borrower's production and business operation, or any credit issue happened for the borrower;
 - (3) If the borrower fails to withdraw and pay the financing funds as agreed herein, or the financing funds are used in an abnormal way;
 - (4) The borrower violates the provisions of this contract or relevant regulatory provisions;
 - (5) The withdrawal account or payment object account designated by the borrower is frozen or canceled by the authority.
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2.12 If the withdrawal account designated by the borrower or its payment target account is frozen or stopped by the authority, resulting in the lender unable to complete the entrusted payment in accordance with the borrower's entrustment, the lender does not assume any responsibility and does not affect the borrower's Repayment obligations already incurred under the contract.

2.13 If the loan under this contract is paid by the borrower independently, the borrower promises to accept and actively cooperate with the lender to inspect and supervise the use of financing funds including usage by means of account analysis, voucher inspection, on-site investigation, etc. and to regularly report loan usage.

2.14 If the lender incurs loss because the information provided by the borrower to the lender is untrue, incomplete or invalid, the borrower shall compensate the lender for it.

2.15 If the lender fails to issue and pay the loan in time according to the contract, it shall bear the corresponding liability for breach of contract, unless otherwise agreed in this contract.

2.16 The lender does not assume any responsibility for unforeseen, unavoidable, and insurmountable force majeure events such as wars, natural disasters, or unexpected events such as system failures and communication failures of the lender, resulting in the lender failing to make the corresponding payments on time. However, the borrower shall be notified by telephone or in writing in time.

Article 3 Repayment

3.1 The borrower is obligated to repay the principal, interest on time.

3.2 The borrower may choose to repay the loan in advance by submitting a written consent to the lender or sending out notification through ICBC ebank.

3.3 The lender has the right to repay the loan in advance according to the withdrawal of the borrower's funds. If required by the lender, the borrower shall repay the loan in installments according to the repayment plan proposed by the lender.

3.4 If the actual term of the loan is shortened due to the borrower's prepayment or the lender's early withdrawal of the loan as agreed herein, the corresponding interest rate shall not be adjusted and the original interest rate shall still apply.

3.5 If the borrower repays in advance or the lender withdraws the loan in advance in accordance with this contract and the actual borrowing period is shortened, the corresponding interest rate level will not be adjusted and the original borrowing interest rate will still be implemented.

Article 4 Guarantee

4.1 In addition to credit loans, the borrower shall provide legal and effective guarantees recognized by the lender for the performance of its obligations under this contract.

4.2 The collateral under this contract is damaged, depreciated, property rights disputes, seized or seized, or the collateral (the pledge) arbitrarily handles the collateral (the pledge), or the guarantor of the guarantee of the financial situation has adversely changed or other changes adverse to the lender's claims occur, the borrower shall notify the lender in time and provide other guarantees approved by the lender.

4.3 The lender shall have the right to re-evaluate the value of the security property and the guarantee ability of the guarantor periodically or irregularly. If it is deemed that the value of the security property is reduced or the guarantee ability of the guarantor is reduced, the borrower shall provide additional value reduction or guarantee ability. The reduced portion of the equivalent guarantee may also be provided in addition to other guarantees approved by the lender.

4.4 If the loan under this contract provides pledged security with accounts receivable, during the validity period of this contract, if one of the following situations occurs, the lender has the right to declare the loan to expire early and require the borrower to repay part or all of the loan principal and interest immediately. Legal, valid and full guarantees approved by the lender:

- (1) The bad debt rate of accounts receivable from the pledgor of the accounts receivable to the payer has been rising for 2 consecutive months;
 - (2) The accounts receivable due from the pledgor of the accounts receivable to the payer accounted for more than 5% of the balance of accounts receivable to the payer; or
 - (3) The pledgee of the accounts receivable has trade disputes (including but not limited to quality, technology and service disputes) or debt disputes with the payer or other third parties, which may cause the receivables to fail to be paid on time.
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Article 5 Representations and Warranties

The borrower makes the following representations and warranties to the lender, which shall remain valid throughout the term of this contract:

5.1 It is qualified as the subject of the borrower and has the qualification and ability to sign and perform this contract.

5.2 The signing of this contract has obtained all necessary authorization or approval, and the signing and performance of this contract does not violate the company's articles of association and relevant laws and regulations, and has no conflict with other obligations under this contract.

5.3 Other debts payable have been paid on schedule and there is no malicious default on the principal and interest of bank loans.

5.4 The company has a complete organizational structure and financial management system. No major violations of rules and regulations have taken place in the production and operation process in the recent years, and the current senior managers have no major bad records.

5.5 All documents and materials provided to the lender are true, accurate, complete and valid, and there are no false records, material omissions or misleading statements.

5.6 The financial and accounting reports provided to the lender are prepared in accordance with Chinese accounting standards, which is truly, fairly and completely reflect the borrower's business conditions and liabilities, and also the borrower's financial statements since the date of the latest financial and accounting reports have no material adverse change.

5.7 Failure to conceal the litigation, arbitration or claims incidents involved from the lender.

5.8 Have known and fully understood the various transaction rules of the ICBC Internet Banking and other electronic banking systems related to this contract.

Article 6 Borrower commitment

6.1. Borrower accepts and shall abide by Lender's business system, operational practices, and the procedures under this Loan Contract.

6.2. Borrower warrants that it will cooperate with Lender on the supervision and inspection of the use of the funds borrowed under this Loan Contract and of the business condition of Borrower and that it will promptly provide all financial statements and related materials needed by Lender, which Borrower warrants to be true, complete and accurate.

6.3. Repay the principal and interests on time.

6.4. To provide data (including money owed, and loan newly borrowed large in sum etc.) as what the money lender asks, and cooperate with the money lender to investigate, censor and check any aspects of personal economic income and expenses related to the loan;

6.5 If there is any outstanding principal and interest of borrowings and other payables that are due (including being immediately due) under this contract, dividends and bonuses will not be distributed in any form.

6.6 The merger, division, capital reduction, equity change, equity pledge, major asset and debt transfer, major foreign investment, substantial increase in debt financing, and other actions that may adversely affect the lender's equity should be carried out with prior written consent from the lender or arrangements that meet the lender's management requirements for the realization of the lender's claims.

6.7 Borrower warrants that it will issue written notices to Lender upon occurrence or possible occurrence of the following events in time:

(1) Borrower amends its articles of association, replaces its legal representative, reduces its registered capital or makes material changes in its finances or personnel;

(2) Suspension of business, dissolution, liquidation, suspension of business operations for rectification, revocation of business license, revocation or application for bankruptcy;

(3) Borrower involves or may involve major economic disputes, litigation, arbitration, or its assets are seized, or enforced, or judicial, taxation, industry and commerce, and other competent authorities have filed investigations or taken punishment;

(4) Borrower is a party to a material legal suit or its main assets have been put under property preservation or other orders;

(5) Mergers, divisions, capital reductions, equity changes, equity pledges, withdrawals, major asset and debt transfers, major foreign investments, substantial increase in debt financing, and other events that may adversely affect the lender's equity.

6.8 Timely, comprehensively and accurately disclose related party relationships and related party transactions to lenders.

6.9 Sign all kinds of notices sent by lenders or delivered in other ways in time.

6.10 Not dispose of its own assets in a way that reduces its solvency; providing guarantees to third parties does not damage the rights and interests of the lender.

6.11 If the loan under this contract is issued by credit, the external guarantee shall be reported to the lender regularly, completely, truthfully and accurately, and the account supervision agreement shall be signed according to the requirements of the lender. If the external guarantee may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract, it must be approved in writing by the lender.

6.12 If the borrower defaults, the borrower shall bear the costs incurred by the lender in order to realize the claims under this contract, including but not limited to, attorney's fees, auction fees, notary fees, and the cost of applying for the issuance of an executive certificate, etc.

6.13 The order in which the borrower's debts are settled under this contract takes precedence over the borrower's debts to its shareholders, legal representatives or principals, partners, major investors or key management personnel, and the debts of the same type with the borrower's other creditors are at least equal status.

6.14 Have known and fully understood the various transaction rules of the ICBC Internet Banking and other electronic banking systems related to this contract; keep customer certificates and passwords properly, all operations performed using the borrower's customer number (card number), password or customer certificate Treated as the borrower's own actions, the resulting electronic information records are used as evidence to prove and handle the loan relationship under this contract.

6.15 Strengthen environmental and social risk management, and accept the supervision and inspection of lenders in this regard. Submit environmental and social risk reports to the lender if required by the lender.

Article7 Lender Commitment

7.1 To release the full loan on schedule;

7.2 To keep a secret for the borrower in such areas as occupation, economic income and expenses etc.

Article 8 Events of Default

8.1. Any of the following events shall be considered a default under this Article:

(1) The borrower fails to repay the loan principal and interest and other payables under this contract as agreed, or fails to perform any other obligations under this contract, or violates the statements, guarantees or commitments under this contract;

(2) The guarantee under this contract has changed to the detriment of the lender's claims, and the borrower has not provided other guarantees that meet the lender's management ;

(3) Borrower or guarantor is involved in illegal activities;

(4) According to the stipulations in the loan terms, in case of the guarantor (guaranty) changed, which leads to the obligations performed by the guarantor ahead of schedule or the disposal of guaranty by the money lender in advance; or any actions the borrower may take which influence returning the principal and interests to the money lender;

(5) The borrower's financial indicators such as profitability, solvency, operating capacity and cash flow exceed the agreed standards, or the deterioration has or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract;

(6) The borrower's equity structure, production and operation, foreign investment, etc. have undergone significant adverse changes that have or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract;

(7) The borrower is involved or may be involved in major economic disputes, litigation, arbitration, or the assets are seized, seized, or enforced, or the judicial or administrative organs file the case for investigation and punishment, or take punitive measures according to law, or have been violated due to violation of relevant national regulations or policies, media exposure that has or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract;

(8) Abnormal changes, disappearances of the main investor of the borrower, key management personnel, disappearance, or legal investigation by the judicial authority or restrictions on personal freedom that have or may affect the performance of their obligations under this contract;

(9) Borrowers use false contracts with related parties, use transactions without actual transaction background to borrow lender funds or credits, or intentionally evade the lender's claims through related party transactions;

(10) The borrower has or may be closed, disbanded, liquidated, suspended for business rectification, revoked business license, revoked, or filed (applied for);

(11) The borrower has caused liability accidents, major environmental and social risk events due to violations of laws and regulations, regulatory provisions or industry standards related to food safety, safe production, environmental protection and other environmental and social risk management, which have or may affect his performance of obligations;

(12) If the loan under this contract is issued by credit, the borrower's credit rating, profitability, asset-liability ratio, net cash flow from operating activities and other indicators do not meet the lender's credit loan conditions; or the borrower does not have the written consent of the lender and use its effective operating assets to set up guarantees (pledges) to others or to provide external guarantees, which has or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract;

(13) Other circumstances that may cause the lender 's realization of its claims under this contract to be adversely affected.

8.2. In the event of events of default, Lender has the right to take the following steps:

(1) Request the borrower to rectify the breach of contract within a time limit ;

(2) Stop providing loan funds that Borrower has not yet used;

(3) Unilaterally declare all principal already lent under the Loan Contract to be due ahead of the contract due date and require Borrower immediately to return the principal and pay all interest due; and

(4) Take other remedies as provided by applicable laws and regulations.

(5) If the borrower fails to repay the loan as contracted or the borrower fails to use the loan for the purposes specified in this contract, the lender shall have the right to charge the penalty interest at the overdue penalty interest rate stipulated in this contract from the date of the expiration of the loan.

8.3 If the borrower is due (including the immediate expiration of the loan) and the borrower fails to repay as agreed, the lender shall have the right to collect the penalty interest at the overdue penalty interest rate agreed in this contract from the date of overdue. For the interest (including penalty interest) that the borrower fails to pay on time, compound interest will be charged at the overdue penalty interest rate. Penalty / compound interest settlement rules apply to the interest settlement rules stipulated in this contract.

8.4 If the borrower fails to use the loan for the purposes stipulated in this contract, the lender has the right to collect the penalty interest on the embezzled portion of the embezzled loan penalty interest rate from the date the loan is embezzled. If the loan is not paid on time during the embezzlement For interest (including penalty interest), compound interest shall be collected at the penalty interest rate of embezzled loans. Penalty / compound interest settlement rules apply to the interest settlement rules stipulated in this contract.

8.5 If the borrower occurs at the same time as described in Articles 8.3 and 8.4 above, the penalty interest rate shall be determined by whichever is heavier and cannot be imposed concurrently.

8.6 If the borrower fails to repay the loan principal, interest (including penalty interest and compound interest) or other payables on time, the lender has the right to make announcements through the media.

8.7 The control or controlled relationship between the borrower 's related party and the borrower has changed, or the borrower 's related party has experienced other circumstances in addition to item (1) (2) in Article 8.1 above, which has or may If it affects the performance of the borrower 's obligations under this contract, the lender shall have the right to take the measures agreed upon in this contract.

Article 9 Deduction

9.1 If the borrower fails to repay the debts on time (including the debts which is declared to be immediately due) as agreed in the contract, the borrower agrees that the lender withholds the corresponding amount from all the local and foreign currency accounts opened by the borrower in Industrial and Commercial Bank for repayment until the loan is made. The date when all debts of the payee under this contract have been discharged.

9.2 If the withholding amount is inconsistent with the currency hereof, it shall be converted according to the exchange rate applicable to the lender on the withholding date. The interest and other expenses incurred during the period of the debt and the difference caused by the fluctuation of exchange rate during the period shall be paid by the borrower.

9.3 If the withholding amount from the borrower is not enough to pay off all of its debts, the money lender shall have the right to determine the priority of claims.

Article 10 Transfer of Rights and Duties

10.1 The money lender may transfer his rights and interests under the contract to other people even if with no approval from borrower or guarantor, while the borrower and guarantor shall continue to finish their responsibilities or obligations stipulated in the contract; the borrower or guarantor shall not transfer his responsibilities or obligations stipulated in the contract to a third party if with no written approval from the money lender.

10.2 The borrower or Industrial and Commercial Bank.

Article 11 Take Effect, Change, Cancel and Terminate

11.1 This contract shall come into force when the following conditions are met and shall be valid until the date when the borrower's obligations here under have been fully fulfilled

- (1) The electronic signature of the borrower and the confirmation of the lender;
- (2) The loan application submitted by the borrower shall be approved by the lender.

The lender may confirm this contract by means of electronic banking system.

11.2 If, due to reasons of system malfunction or any force majeure events, the amount of loan, maturity date, or any other material terms of Loan Agreement appear incorrect in the e-bank platform of Industrial and Commercial Bank, the creditor shall have the right to correct such information and timely notify the borrower.

11.3 The borrower shall acknowledge and understand the transactions rules of the e-bank platform of Industrial and Commercial Bank in relation to Loan Agreement. The borrower shall keep its customer certificate and passcode properly. Any transactions made in connection with the borrower's customer number, passcode, or customer certificate are deemed to be made by the borrower, and any records thereof shall be proof of such transactions. Electronic signatures the borrower provides for this Loan Agreement made through the e-bank platform of Industrial and Commercial Bank are deemed to be authorized by the borrower.

11.4 Any modification to this Agreement shall be negotiated and agreed upon by both parties, and be made in writing. Modifications to this Agreement shall constitute part of the Agreement and have the same legal effect. Prior to the effective date of a modification, the original clause remains legally effective.

11.5. In the event of change of laws, regulations or legal practice which will cause any terms contained in this contract become illegal, invalid or loss of practice, the other part of this contract shall not be impaired by it. The both parties shall make efforts to change the illegal, invalid or loss of practice part.

11.6. If any clause of Loan Agreement becomes invalid or unenforceable, there shall be no impact on the validity or enforceability of any other clauses of Loan Agreement, nor shall it impact the enforceability of Article 12 in relation to dispute resolution.

11.7. There shall be no influences on the rights that each party has for its losses compensated after any changes or termination of the contract happened. The termination of the contract shall not affect the effectiveness of the clauses in the contract stipulated for settling disputes.

Article 12 Application of law and dispute resolution Article

The conclusion, validity, interpretation, performance and dispute settlement of this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the People's Republic of China. All disputes and disputes arising out of or in connection with this agreement shall be settled by the parties through negotiation. If no agreement can be reached through negotiation, the dispute shall be litigated in the People's Court where the lender is located with proper jurisdiction.

Article 13 The address of service of litigation/arbitration documents shall be sent

13.1 The borrower acknowledges that the address set forth on the first page of this contract shall be the service address of the litigation/arbitration documents involved in the disputes hereunder. Litigation/arbitration documents include but are not limited to summons, notice of hearing, judgment, order, conciliation statement and a notice of performance, etc.

13.2 The borrower agrees that arbitration/litigation documents may be served by the arbitration institution or the court by fax or E-mail as set forth in the first page of this contract, except the written judgment, order or conciliation statement.

13.3 The above provisions on service shall apply to all stages of first instance, second instance, retrial and execution of arbitration and litigation proceedings. For the above address of service, service may be made by the arbitration institution or the court directly by mail.

13.4 The borrower shall ensure the authenticity and validity of the address, contact person, fax, E-mail and other information recorded in this contract. If the relevant information is changed, the borrower shall promptly notify the lender in writing; otherwise, the borrower shall bear any legal consequences due to they fail to provide the valid address.

Article 14 Complete Agreement

This Loan Agreement is comprised of Part One: Basic Clauses and Part Two: Specific Clauses. Any phrase in both parts of Loan Agreement shall have the same meanings. Both parts apply to the loan made pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

Article 15 Notice

15.1 All notices shall be sent in writing (including electronic form). Unless otherwise agreed, the address in the contract shall be the contact address. Any change in the contact mode of either party shall be notified to the other party in writing in time.

15.2 In addition to correspondence, the borrower and guarantor agreed to accept electronic means such as telephone, email, text message, and WeChat as lender notification and collection methods. If the borrower or guarantor changes the address or related electronic contact information reserved by the lender, the borrower or guarantor shall have the obligation to notify the lender in writing in time. Due to the failure to notify in time, the notification and collection documents sent by the lender according to the original reserved address or relevant electronic contact information are still valid, and the borrower and guarantor shall bear the legal consequences.

15.3 In the event that any party to Loan Agreement rejects to receive notices, or any notice cannot be delivered due to other circumstances, notice shall be deemed to be given if the sender obtains notary certificate.

Article 16 Special provisions of value-added tax

16.1 The interest and fees paid by the borrower to the lender under this contract (as specified in the contract) are tax-inclusive.

16.2 If the borrower requires the lender to issue a VAT invoice, it shall first register the information at the lender, including the borrower's full name, taxpayer identification number or social credit code, address, telephone number, bank of deposit and account number. The borrower shall ensure that the relevant information provided to the lender is true, accurate and complete, and provide relevant proof materials as required by the lender. The specific requirements shall be published by the lender through the network notice or website announcement.

16.3 If the borrower collects the VAT invoice by itself, it shall provide the lender with the power of attorney with the stamp, designate the recipient and specify the recipient's ID card number and other information. The designated recipient shall collect the VAT invoice with the original ID card. If the person is changed, the borrower shall re-issue the power of attorney with seal to the lender. If the borrower chooses to receive the VAT invoice by mail, it shall also provide accurate and deliverable postal information; if the mailing information has been changed, it shall promptly notify the lender in writing.

16.4 If the lender fails to issue the VAT invoice in time due to force majeure such as natural disasters, governmental ACTS, social abnormal events or tax authorities, the lender shall have the right to delay the invoice issuance without any liability.

16.5 If the invoice is lost, damaged or overdue after the VAT invoice is received by the borrower or after the lender has handed it over to a third party, the borrower cannot receive the corresponding VAT invoice or the deduction cannot be credited. The person is not responsible for compensation for the borrower's related economic losses.

16.6 If the VAT invoice is received by the borrower or delivered by the lender to a third party by mailing, and the invoice is lost, damaged or overdue due to other non-lender reasons, which causes the borrower to fail to receive the corresponding VAT invoice or fail to offset the overdue VAT invoice, the lender shall not be responsible for compensating the borrower for the relevant economic losses.

16.7 During the performance of this contract, in case of national tax rate adjustment, the lender shall have the right to adjust the agreed price according to the change of national tax rate.

Article 17. Other Clauses

17.1 The non-exercise, partial exercise, or delay in the exercise of any rights that the borrower has under this Agreement shall not constitute the abandonment or alteration of such rights, nor shall it impact the borrower's future exercise of such rights or any other rights it has under this Agreement.

17.2 The invalidity of any clause in the contract shall not affect the validity of other clauses, nor shall it affect the validity of the whole contract.

17.3 This contract could be amended and supplemented upon the written agreements concluded by the parties. Any amendment and supplement shall be an integral part of this contract.

17.4 In compliance with applicable laws and regulations, the money lender shall have the right to provide information related to this Agreement and related to the borrower to Credit Information System established by People's Bank of China.

17.5 In this Agreement and any modifications thereof, "Primary Management Personnel" shall be interpreted pursuant to the definition in Corporation Accounting Standards No.36.

17.6 The environmental and social risks mentioned in this contract refer to the harm and related risks that the borrower and its important related parties may bring to the environment and society during construction, production and business activities, including energy consumption, pollution, land, health and safety, resettlement, ecological protection, climate change and other environmental and social issues.

17.7 Any certificate or records kept by the creditor in its regular course of business shall have binding evidentiary effects on the borrower regarding its lender-borrower relationship with the money lender.

17.8 In this Agreement:

- (1) "Agreement" shall include any modifications or supplement made to the original Loan Agreement;
- (2) titles of the Articles shall be used for reference only and shall not be interpreted to explain or limit any contents of this Agreement; and
- (3) if withdrawal or payment is made on a non-business day, the effective date is postponed to the next business day.

This Loan Contract has two originals, which are identical to each other, with each of the parties holding one copy. There are several duplicates for future reference.

Lender: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited Tahe Branch

Borrower: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Tahe Power Plant

Legal Representative: Fenghong Qu

Agreement entered in: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

Date: [Agreement Date]

Schedule of Material Differences

One or more person signed a Loan Agreement under this form. Pursuant to Instruction ii to Item 601 of Regulation S-K, the Registrant may only file this form as an exhibit with a schedule setting forth the material details in which the executed agreements differ from this form:

No.	Amount of Principal	Maturity Date	Agreement Date
1.	RMB1,500,000	September 12, 2020	March 16, 2020
2.	RMB500,000	September 12, 2020	March 16, 2020
3	RMB1,000,000	September 13, 2020	March 17, 2020

THE PREFERRED SHARES BEING OFFERED HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). THE PREFERRED SHARES MAY NOT BE SOLD, OFFERED FOR SALE, PLEDGED, OR HYPOTHECATED IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT. INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK AND IMMEDIATE SUBSTANTIAL DILUTION.

THE OFFERING IS BEING MADE SOLELY TO FOREIGN RESIDENTS UNDER REGULATION S. THE PREFERRED SHARES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR THE SECURITIES LAW OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION AND WILL ONLY BE OFFERED AND SOLD IN RELIANCE ON AVAILABLE EXEMPTIONS THEREFROM.

THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, OR EQUIVALENT AUTHORITIES OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION NOR HAVE ANY SUCH AUTHORITIES PASSED UPON, CONFIRMED, OR ENDORSED THE MERITS OF THE OFFERING OR THE ACCURACY OR THE ADEQUACY OF THIS DOCUMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

**CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.
SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

This SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of April 3, 2020 by and between CN ENERGY GROUP. INC., a British Virgin Islands company (the "Company"), and [Name of Purchaser] (the "Purchaser").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and pursuant to Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act, the Company desires to issue and sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser, severally and not jointly with other purchasers, desires to purchase from the Company, securities of the Company as more fully described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual agreements, terms and conditions herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and Purchaser agree as follows:

1. PURCHASE AND SALE OF CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED SHARES

1.1 Purchase and Sale of Convertible Preferred Shares. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association, a form of which is attached hereto as Annex A (the "Memorandum and Articles"), the Company is offering (the "Offering") to the Purchaser the number of Convertible Preferred Shares of the Company, no par value (the "Preferred Shares"), set forth on the signature page herein at a price of \$3.6 per Preferred Share (collectively, the "Purchase Price") up to \$1,800,000 (the "Offering Amount"), payable in Renminbi equivalent, determined using the spot buying rate of exchange published by the People's Bank of China on the date of payment, to the Company through its wholly owned subsidiary, Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd. (also referred to as 杭州富来森科技有限公司 in Chinese), a company with limited liability organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China.

1.2 Closing. The closing of the transactions contemplated hereby shall take place on a rolling close basis. There is no minimum offering and therefore the Company can effect a closing on any amount received pursuant hereto. The offering period shall commence on or about , 2020 and remain open until the Company receives the Offering Amount (the "Final Closing Date"), or at such other location, date, and time, as may be agreed upon between Purchaser and the Company, or by facsimile or other electronic means (such closing being called the "Closing" and such date and time being called the "Closing Date"). At the time of the Closing, each Purchaser shall have delivered its Purchase Price to the Company.

- (a) The Purchaser shall pay all of the Purchase Price by wire or ACH authorization to the Company.
- (b) After each Closing, the Company shall deliver to the Purchaser its certificate(s) representing its purchase.
- (c) The Company shall instruct its registered agent to file the Memorandum and Articles with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs in the British Virgin Islands immediately prior to the initial Closing.

2. **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY**

The Company represents and warrants to Purchaser that:

2.1 The Company is duly incorporated in British Virgin Islands and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. The Company and each Subsidiary, if any, is not in violation of any of the provisions of its memorandum and articles of association, as amended, or other organizational or charter documents, each as may be amended (the “Internal Documents”). The Company is qualified to transact business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where the location of its properties or the conduct of its business makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified would not have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, results of operations, condition (financial or otherwise), properties, or prospects of the Company. “Subsidiary” shall mean any corporation or other entity or organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, in which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, any equity or other ownership interest or otherwise controls through contract or otherwise.

2.2 The Company has all power and authority to: (i) conduct its business as presently conducted and as proposed to be conducted as described herein; (ii) enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) issue, sell, and deliver the Preferred Shares. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Preferred Shares has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action. Once executed and delivered, this Agreement will constitute, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally, including the effect of statutory and other laws regarding fraudulent conveyances and preferential transfers, and except that no representation is made herein regarding the enforceability of the Company’s obligations to provide indemnification and contribution remedies under the securities laws and subject to the limitations imposed by general equitable principles (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity).

2.3 The Preferred Shares will be duly and validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable, and free from all taxes or liens with respect to the issue thereof and shall not be subject to preemptive rights, rights of first refusal, and/or other similar rights of shareholders of the Company and/or any other person. The relative rights, privileges, and preferences of the Preferred Shares will be as stated in the Memorandum and Articles.

2.4 No action, suit, or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority, or body or any arbitrator involving the Company and/or its Subsidiaries or its property is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened that (i) could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement by the Company or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, and/or (ii) could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company’s operations.

2.5 Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is not in (i) violation or default of any provision of its Internal Documents; (ii) default or material violation of the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement, or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant, or instrument to which it is a party or bound or to which its property is subject; and/or (iii) default or material violation of any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order, or decree applicable to the Company of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator, or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its properties, as applicable.

2.6 Assuming the accuracy of the Purchaser's representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, no registration under the Securities Act of the Preferred Shares or the underlying ordinary shares into which the Preferred Shares are convertible are required for the offer and sale of the Preferred Shares to the Purchaser in the manner contemplated herein.

2.7 Each of the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the filing of the Memorandum and Articles by the Company with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs in the British Virgin Islands does not, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not, conflict with, or result in any violation of, or default under (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both), or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration of any obligation or to a loss of a material benefit under any provision of any mortgage, indenture, lease, or other agreement or instrument, permit, concession, franchise, license, judgment, order, decree, statute, law, ordinance, rule, or regulation applicable to the Company or its Subsidiaries' properties or assets. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company and the filing of the Memorandum and Articles by the Company with the Registrar of Corporate Affairs in the British Virgin Islands, nor the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby, will result in the imposition of any security interest upon the Preferred Shares.

2.8 Securities Compliance and Restricted Shares. All Preferred Shares and the underlying ordinary shares into which it is convertible are restricted securities as defined in Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

2.9 No General Solicitation. Neither the Company nor any person acting on behalf of the Company has offered or sold any of the Preferred Shares by any form of general solicitation or general advertising. The Company has offered the Preferred Shares for sale only to Non-U.S. Persons pursuant to Regulation S.

2.10 Certain Fees. No brokers fees, finder's fees or financial advisory fees or commissions will be payable by the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Purchaser shall have no obligation with respect to any fees or with respect to any claims made by or on behalf of other persons for fees of a type contemplated in this section that may be due in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

2.11 Registration Rights. No person has any right to cause the Company to effect the registration under the Securities Act of any securities of the Company or any Subsidiaries.

2.12 No Bad Actors. To the knowledge of the Company, none of the Company, any of its predecessors, any affiliated issuer, any director, executive officer, or other officer of the Company participating in the Offering, any beneficial owner of 20% or more of the Company's outstanding voting equity securities, calculated on the basis of voting power, nor any promoter (as that term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) connected with the Company in any capacity at the time of sale (each, an "Issuer Covered Person" and, together, "Issuer Covered Persons") is subject to any of the "Bad Actor" disqualifications described in Rule 506(d)(1)(i) to (viii) under the Securities Act (a "Disqualification Event"), except for a Disqualification Event covered by Rule 506(d)(2) or (d)(3). The Company has exercised reasonable care to determine whether any Issuer Covered Person is subject to a Disqualification Event.

3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PURCHASER

Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

3.1 Organization. Such Purchaser is either an individual or an entity, corporate, partnership, or limited liability company, duly incorporated or formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporated or formed with full right, or similar power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder.

3.2 Authority. The Purchaser has the requisite power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and to purchase the Preferred Shares being sold to it hereunder. The execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement by such Purchaser and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership, or limited liability company action, and no further consent or authorization of such Purchaser or its board of directors, stockholders, partners, members, or managers, as the case may be, is required. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by such Purchaser and constitutes, or shall constitute when executed and delivered, a valid and binding obligation of such Purchaser enforceable against such Purchaser in accordance with the terms hereof.

3.3 Purchase Entirely for Own Account. This Agreement is made with Purchaser in reliance upon Purchaser's representation to the Company, which by Purchaser's execution of this Agreement, Purchaser hereby confirms that the Preferred Shares to be acquired by Purchaser will be acquired for investment for Purchaser's own account, not as a nominee or agent, and not with a view to the resale or distribution of any part thereof, and that Purchaser has no present intention of selling, granting any participation in, or otherwise distributing the same. By executing this Agreement, Purchaser further represents that Purchaser does not presently have any contract, undertaking, agreement, or arrangement with any person to sell, transfer, or grant participations to such person or to any third person, with respect to any of the Preferred Shares.

3.4 Purchaser Status. At the time Purchaser was offered the Securities, it was, and as of the date hereof it is a "non U.S. Person" as defined under Regulation S of the Securities Act. The Purchaser shall review and complete the certification of non-U.S. Person set forth under Exhibit A hereof. The Purchaser is not a registered broker dealer registered under Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, or a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") or an entity engaged in the business of being a broker dealer. Except as otherwise disclosed in writing to the Company on or prior to the date of this Agreement, the Purchaser is not affiliated with any broker dealer registered under Section 15(a) of the 1934 Act, or a member of FINRA or an entity engaged in the business of being a broker dealer.

3.5 Experience of Purchaser. Purchaser, either alone or together with its representatives, has such knowledge, sophistication, and experience in business and financial matters so as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the Preferred Shares, and has so evaluated the merits and risks of such investment.

3.6 Ability to Bear Risk. Purchaser understands and agrees that purchase of the Preferred Shares is a high-risk investment and Purchaser is able to afford and bear an investment in a speculative venture having the risks and objectives of the Company, including a risk of total loss of such investment. Purchaser must bear the substantial economic risks of the investment in the Preferred Shares indefinitely because none of the Preferred Shares, or the ordinary shares into which it may be converted, may be sold, hypothecated, or otherwise disposed of unless subsequently registered under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws or an exemption from such registration(s) are available. The Purchaser represents that it is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Preferred Shares and is able to afford a complete loss of such investment.

3.7 Disclosure of Information. Purchaser has been given access to full and complete information regarding the Company and has utilized such access to Purchaser's satisfaction for the purpose of obtaining such information regarding the Company as Purchaser has reasonably requested. In particular, Purchaser has been given a reasonable opportunity to review such documents as Purchaser has requested and to ask questions of, and to receive answers from, representatives of the Company concerning the terms and conditions of the Preferred Shares and the business and affairs of the Company and to obtain any additional information concerning the Company's business to the extent reasonably available so as to understand more fully the nature of this investment and to verify the accuracy of the information supplied. The Purchaser is satisfied that it has received adequate information with respect to all matters which he/she/it considers material to its decision to make this investment.

3.8 No other documents. In evaluating the suitability of an investment in the Company, the Purchaser has not relied upon any representation or other information (oral or written) other than as stated in this Agreement or the Memorandum and Articles.

3.9 Use of Purchase Price. Purchaser understands, acknowledges and agrees that management of the Company shall have sole and absolute discretion concerning the use of the Purchase Price as well as the timing of its expenditures.

3.10 Restricted Securities. Purchaser understands that the Preferred Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act, by reason of a specific exemption from the registration provisions of the Securities Act, which depends upon, among other things, the bona fide nature of the investment intent and the accuracy of Purchaser's representations as expressed herein. Purchaser understands that the Preferred Shares are "restricted securities" under applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and that, pursuant to these laws, Purchaser must hold the Preferred Shares indefinitely unless they are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and qualified by state authorities, or an exemption from such registration and qualification requirements is available. Except as otherwise provided herein, Purchaser acknowledges that the Company has no obligation to register or qualify the Preferred Shares. Purchaser further acknowledges that if an exemption from registration or qualification is available, it may be conditioned on various requirements including, but not limited to, the time and manner of sale, the holding period for the Preferred Shares, and on requirements relating to the Company that are outside of Purchaser's control, and which the Company is under no obligation and may not be able to satisfy.

3.11 No Public Market. Purchaser understands that no public market now exists for the Preferred Shares and that the Company has made no assurances that a public market will ever exist for the Preferred Shares.

3.12 Legends. Purchaser understands that the Securities may be notated with the following legend:

"IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUER AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE RISKS INVOLVED. THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ANY FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY. FURTHERMORE, THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS MEMORANDUM. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. THE SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFERABILITY AND RESALE AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR RESOLD EXCEPT AS PERMITTED PURSUANT TO REGISTRATION THEREUNDER OR EXEMPTION THEREFROM. INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO BEAR THE FINANCIAL RISK OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME."

3.13 No General Solicitation. The Purchaser is not purchasing the Preferred Shares as a result of any advertisement, article, notice, or other communication regarding the Preferred Shares published in any newspaper, magazine, or similar media or broadcast over television or radio or presented at any seminar or any other general solicitation or general advertisement.

3.14 Exculpation Among Purchasers. Purchaser acknowledges that it is not relying upon any person, other than the Company and its officers and directors, in making its investment or decision to invest in the Company. Purchaser agrees that Purchaser is not liable to any other purchasers participated in this Offering for any action heretofore taken or omitted to be taken by any of them in connection with the purchase of the Preferred Shares.

3.15 Residence. Purchaser is presently a bona fide resident of the state or country represented on the signature page hereof and has no present intention of becoming a resident of any other state, country, or jurisdiction, and the address and Social Security Number/National Insurance Number (or other applicable number) or Employer Identification Number/Corporate Tax Reference Number (or other applicable number) set forth on the signature page hereof are Purchaser's true and correct residential or business address and Social Security Number/National Insurance Number (or other applicable number) or Employer Identification Number/Corporate Tax Reference Number (or other applicable number).

3.16 The Purchaser has been independently advised as to the restrictions with respect to trading the Preferred Shares and with respect to the resale restrictions imposed by applicable securities laws, confirms that no representation has been made to it by or on behalf of the Company with respect thereto, acknowledges the risks relating to an investment therein and of the fact that it may not be able to resell the Preferred Shares except in accordance with limited exemptions under applicable securities legislation and regulatory policy until expiry of the applicable restriction period and compliance with the other requirements of applicable law, that the Purchaser (or others for whom it is contracting hereunder) is solely responsible to find out what these restrictions are and the Purchaser is solely responsible (and neither the Company is not in any way responsible) for compliance with applicable resale restrictions and the Purchaser is aware that it may not be able to resell the Preferred Shares except in accordance with limited exemptions under applicable securities laws, and it agrees that any certificates representing the Preferred Shares may bear a legend indicating that the resale of such securities is restricted.

3.17 The Purchaser is aware that the Company is not a "reporting company" (as such term is used in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) in the U.S.

3.18 The Purchaser is aware that the Company may complete additional financings, including project financing, in the future in order to develop the business of the Company and to fund its ongoing development; there is no assurance that such financings or project financings will be available and, if available, on reasonable terms; and failure to obtain sufficient additional funds by way of debt or equity financings or through joint ventures will prevent the continued development of the business of the Company and any such future financings may have a dilutive effect on current security holders, including the Purchaser.

3.19 The Purchaser is solely responsible (and the Company is not responsible in any way) for compliance with all applicable holding periods and resale restrictions under which the Preferred Shares are subject.

3.20 Confidential Information. The Purchaser agrees that such Purchaser and its employees, agents, and representatives will keep confidential and will not disclose, divulge, or use (other than for purposes of monitoring its investment in the Company) any confidential information which such Purchaser may obtain from the Company pursuant to financial statements, reports, and other materials submitted by the Company to such Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement, unless such information is (i) known to the public through no fault of such Purchaser or his or its employees or representatives; (ii) becomes part of the public domain other than by a breach of this Agreement; (iii) becomes known by the action of a third party not in breach of a duty of confidence; or (iv) is required to be disclosed to a third party pursuant to any applicable law, government resolution, or decision of any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that a Purchaser may disclose such information (i) to its attorneys, accountants, and other professionals in connection with their representation of such Purchaser in connection with such Purchaser's investment in the Company, (ii) to any prospective permitted transferee of the Securities, or (iii) to any general partner or affiliate of such Purchaser, so long as the prospective transferee agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Section 3.20.

3.21 General. Such Purchaser understands that the Preferred Shares are being offered and sold in reliance on a transactional exemption from the registration requirements of federal and state securities laws and the Company is relying upon the truth and accuracy of the representations, warranties, agreements, acknowledgments, and understandings of such Purchaser set forth herein in order to determine the applicability of such exemptions and the suitability of such Purchaser to acquire the Preferred Shares.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

4.1 Use of Proceeds. The Company shall use the proceeds of the Offering to help finance the its initial public offering, including related expenses, and for general and corporate expenses.

4.2 Fees and Expenses. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement to the contrary, each party shall pay the fees and expenses of its advisers, counsel, accountants, and other experts, if any, and all other expenses incurred by such party incident to the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement.

4.3 Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of the Company and Purchaser shall survive the Closing and delivery of the Preferred Shares.

4.4 Indemnification. Purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each director, officer, or agent thereof from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, and expenses arising out of or in connection with any breach of, or inaccuracy in, any representation or warranty of the undersigned, whether contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

4.5 Waiver, Amendment. Neither this Agreement nor any provisions hereof shall be waived, modified, changed, discharged, or terminated except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom any waiver, modification, change, discharge, or termination is sought.

4.6 Section and Other Headings. The section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

4.7 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction. Waiver of Jury Trial. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to the choice of law principles thereof. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York located in The City of New York, Borough of Manhattan for the purpose of any suit, action, proceeding, or judgment relating to or arising out of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Service of process in connection with any such suit, action, or proceeding may be served on each party hereto anywhere in the world by the same methods as are specified for the giving of notices under this Agreement. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of any such court in any such suit, action, or proceeding and to the laying of venue in such court. Each party hereto irrevocably waives any objection to the laying of venue of any such suit, action, or proceeding brought in such courts and irrevocably waives any claim that any such suit, action, or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO REQUEST A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS ARISING OUT OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY AND REPRESENTS THAT COUNSEL HAS BEEN CONSULTED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THIS WAIVER.

4.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement.

4.9 Notices. All notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid or if delivered by facsimile or electronic transmission, on the business day of such delivery if sent by 6:00 p.m. in the time zone of the recipient, or if sent after that time, on the next succeeding business day:

- (a) if to Purchaser:

The address included on the signature page.

- (b) if to The Company:

CN Energy Group. Inc.
FPI Center, Room A-901, No. 459 Qianmo Road
Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province
The People's Republic of China
Email: [***]
Attn: Zhengyu Wang

With a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

1450 Broadway, 26th Fl.
New York, New York 10018
Telephone: +1 (212) 530-2206
Facsimile: +1(212) 202-6380
Email: [***]
Attention: Ying Li, Esq.

4.10 Binding Effect. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and accrue to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, permitted successors, and assigns.

4.11 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the Exhibit hereto) constitute the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and any other written or oral agreement relating to the subject matter hereof existing between the parties are expressly canceled.

4.12 Severability. If any term, provision, covenant, or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants, and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant, or restriction. It is hereby stipulated and declared to be the intention of the parties that they would have executed the remaining terms, provisions, covenants, and restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable.

4.13 Remedies. In addition to being entitled to exercise all rights provided herein or granted by law, including recovery of damages, the Purchaser and the Company will be entitled to specific performance under this Agreement. The parties agree that monetary damages may not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of any breach of obligations contained in this Agreement and hereby agree to waive and not to assert in any action for specific performance of any such obligation the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

4.14 Construction. The parties agree that each of them and/or their respective counsel have reviewed and had an opportunity to revise this Agreement and, therefore, the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendments thereto.

4.15 Further Assurances: Each party hereto shall from time to time at the request of the other party hereto do such further acts and execute and deliver such further instruments, deeds, and documents as shall be reasonably required in order to fully perform and carry out the provisions of this Agreement. The parties hereto agree to act honestly and in good faith in the performance of their respective obligations hereunder.

4.16 Waivers. No waiver by any party of any default with respect to any provision, condition, or requirement of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a continuing waiver in the future or a waiver of any other provisions, condition, or requirement hereof and thereof, nor shall any delay or omission of any party to exercise any right hereunder and thereunder in any manner impair the exercise of any such right accruing to it thereafter.

4.17 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement may not be assigned by a party hereto without the prior written consent of the Company or the Purchaser, as applicable, provided, however, that, subject to federal and state securities laws and as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Purchaser may assign its rights and delegate its duties hereunder in whole or in part (i) to a third party acquiring all or substantially all of its Preferred Shares in a private transaction or (ii) to an affiliate, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Company or the other purchasers participated in this Offering, after notice duly given by such Purchaser to the Company provided, that no such assignment or obligation shall affect the obligations of such Purchaser hereunder and that such assignee agrees in writing to be bound, with respect to the transferred securities, by the provisions hereof that apply to the Purchaser. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective permitted successors and assigns of the parties. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

4.18 Signature Page. It is hereby agreed that the execution by the Purchaser of this Agreement, in the place set forth herein, will constitute agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions hereof.

[Signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Share Purchase Agreement as of the date first written above.

CN Energy Group. Inc.

By: /s/Zhengyu Wang
Name: Zhengyu Wang
Title: Chief Executive Officer


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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR PURCHASER FOLLOWS]*

CN ENERGY GROUP, INC.
PURCHASER SIGNATURE PAGE TO
SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Purchaser hereby elects to purchase [Number of Preferred Shares] Preferred Shares, at \$3.6 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$[Purchase Price].

Date (NOTE: To be completed by the Purchaser): April 3, 2020

If the Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, and if purchased with a SPOUSE, or as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON, or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

[Name of Purchaser] Print Name of PURCHASER	[ID Card No. of Purchaser] ID# (Passport/Driver license) and SSN
[Address of Purchaser] Address	/s/[Name of Purchaser] Signature of Purchaser
[Address of Purchaser] City, State, Zip, Country	April 3, 2020 Date
	
[Name of Joint Purchaser] Print Name of JOINT PURCHASER	[ID Card No. of Joint Purchaser] ID# (Passport/Driver license) and SSN
[Address of Joint Purchaser] Address	[Signature of Joint Purchaser] Signature of Purchaser
[Address of Joint Purchaser] City, State, Zip, Country	[Date of Joint Purchaser] Date



If the Purchaser is a PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY or TRUST:

Name of Partnership, Corporation, Federal Taxpayer Limited Liability Company or Trust	Identification Number
Address	Signature
City, State, Zip, Country	Title
State of Organization	Date

Exhibit A

Non-U.S. Person Representations

The Purchaser indicating that it is not a U.S. person, severally and not jointly, further represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

1. At the time of (a) the offer by the Company and (b) the acceptance of the offer by such person or entity, of the Preferred Shares, such person or entity was outside the United States.
2. Such person or entity is acquiring the Preferred Shares for such Shareholder's own account, for investment and not for distribution or resale to others and is not purchasing the Preferred Shares for the account or benefit of any U.S. person, or with a view towards distribution to any U.S. person, in violation of the registration requirements of the Securities Act.
3. Such person or entity will make all subsequent offers and sales of the Preferred Shares either (x) outside of the United States in compliance with Regulation S; (y) pursuant to a registration under the Securities Act; or (z) pursuant to an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act. Specifically, such person or entity will not resell the Preferred Shares to any U.S. person or within the United States prior to the expiration of a period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on the date that is one year thereafter (the "**Distribution Compliance Period**"), except pursuant to registration under the Securities Act or an exemption from registration under the Securities Act.
4. Such person or entity has no present plan or intention to sell the Preferred Shares in the United States or to a U.S. person at any predetermined time, has made no predetermined arrangements to sell the Preferred Shares and is not acting as a distributor of such securities.
5. Neither such person or entity, its affiliates nor any person acting on behalf of such person or entity, has entered into, has the intention of entering into, or will enter into any put option, short position or other similar instrument or position in the U.S. with respect to the Preferred Shares at any time after the Closing Date through the Distribution Compliance Period except in compliance with the Securities Act.
6. Such person or entity consents to the placement of a legend on any certificate or other document evidencing the Preferred Shares substantially in the form set forth in Section 3.12.
7. Such person or entity is not acquiring the Preferred Shares in a transaction (or an element of a series of transactions) that is part of any plan or scheme to evade the registration provisions of the Securities Act.
8. Such person or entity has sufficient knowledge and experience in finance, securities, investments, and other business matters to be able to protect such person's or entity's interests in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
9. Such person or entity has consulted, to the extent that it has deemed necessary, with its tax, legal, accounting, and financial advisors concerning its investment in the Preferred Shares.
10. Such person or entity understands the various risks of an investment in the Preferred Shares and can afford to bear such risks for an indefinite period of time, including, without limitation, the risk of losing its entire investment in the Preferred Shares.
11. Such person or entity has read the Agreement to which this Representation is attached and has been furnished during the course of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement with all other information regarding the Company that such person or entity has requested and all such information is sufficient for such person or entity to evaluate the risks of investing in the Preferred Shares.

12. Such person or entity has been afforded the opportunity to ask questions of and receive answers concerning the Company and the terms and conditions of the issuance of the Preferred Shares.
13. Such person or entity is not relying on any representations and warranties concerning the Company made by the Company or any officer, employee, or agent of the Company, other than those contained in this Agreement.
14. Such person or entity will not sell or otherwise transfer the Preferred Shares unless either (A) the transfer of such securities is registered under the Securities Act or (B) an exemption from registration of such securities is available.
15. Such person or entity represents that the address furnished on its signature page to this Agreement is the principal residence if he is an individual or its principal business address if it is a corporation or other entity.
16. Such person or entity understands and acknowledges that the Preferred Shares have not been recommended by any federal or state securities commission or regulatory authority, that the foregoing authorities have not confirmed the accuracy or determined the adequacy of any information concerning the Company that has been supplied to such person or entity and that any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Dated: April 3, 2020

[Name of Purchaser]

Print name of Purchaser

By: /s/[Name of Purchaser]

Signature

Print name of Signatory (if different from Purchaser)

Title

Schedule of Material Differences

One or more person signed a Share Purchase Agreement under this form. Pursuant to Instruction ii to Item 601 of Regulation S-K, the Registrant may only file this form as an exhibit with a schedule setting forth the material details in which the executed agreements differ from this form:

No.	Name of Purchaser	Number of Preferred Shares	Purchase Price	ID Card No. of Purchaser	Address of Purchaser
1.	Wei Lian	195,000	\$702,000	***	***
2.	Zhenyan Yu	305,000	\$1,098,000	***	***

Agreement No: [*]

Small Business Loan Agreement

This contract is entered into by and between the lender and the borrower on an equal and voluntary basis according to law. In order to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the borrower, the lender hereby requests the borrower to pay full attention to all the provisions concerning the rights and obligations of both parties, especially the contents in bold type.

Lender: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China - Tahe Branch

Legal representative: Linqing Wang

Contact person: Qingmei Fu

Address: No. 49, Jianshe Avenue, Tahe Town

Zip code: 165200

Telephone: [*]

Borrower: Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd.

Legal representative: Fenghong Qu

Contact person: Jinwu Huang

Phone number: [*]

Address: No. 16, Industrial Park, Tahe Town, Tahe County.

Zip code: 165299

Telephone: [*]

[The borrower must fill in information that is accurate and complete, in order for the timely delivery of the subsequent relevant notice and legal document.]

The lender and the borrower hereby make this agreement regarding the lending from the lender to the borrower after negotiation on an equal basis and consensus.

Part One: Basic Clauses

Article 1 Purpose of Loan

The loan shall be used for the following purposes. The borrower shall not use the loan for any other purpose without the written consent of the lender, and the lender shall have the right to supervise the purpose of the money.

Purpose of borrowing: Operation Activities and Raw Material Purchase.

Article 2 Amount and Term

2.1 The amount of the loan shall be RMB5 million.

2.2 The term of the loan shall be 12 months from next withdrawal date.

2.3 The withdraw date for each withdrawal transaction shall be the date on which the money is transferred into the loan account. The due date shall be the repayment date stipulated by the loan receipt. In case of installment repayment, the due date shall be stipulated by this agreement or determined by the repayment execution plan made by the lender and the borrower. No due date of any withdrawal transaction shall exceed the term of the loan stipulated by this agreement.

Article 3 Interest rates, Interest and Expenses

3.1 Determination of Interest Rate

The interest rate shall be determined in the following manner:

The interest rate is determined by the benchmark interest rate plus the floating range, of which the benchmark interest rate is the one-year loan prime rate (LPR) published by the National Interbank Lending Center on the prior business day of the withdrawal date, and the floating range is up 5%. If the National Interbank Lending Center does not publish the corresponding LPR on the prior business day of the withdrawal date, the interest rate shall be that on prior two business days and so on. The interest rate after each withdrawal transaction shall be adjusted in the ways specified in (A) below:

A. Each phase should be 12 months, and the interest rate should be adjusted and calculated at each individual phase. The interest rate determination date of the second and subsequent phases shall be the corresponding date on which the phase of each withdrawal transaction expires. The lender shall adjust the interest rate according to the LPR published by the National Interbank Lending Center on the prior business day and the floating rate.

B. No adjustment during the whole term.

3.2 Foreign Exchange Borrowing Rate

3.3. The interest rate shall be calculated daily and settled monthly from the date of withdrawal. When the loan is due, the interest should be paid off with the principal. The daily interest rate = the annual interest rate /360.

3.4 The overdue penalty interest rate under this contract shall be determined by adding 50.000000 % to the original loan interest rate, and the penalty interest rate for embezzlement shall be determined by adding 100.000000 % to the original loan interest rate.

Article 4 Withdrawal

4.1 The lender requests the following withdrawal method specified in (1) below:

(1) The borrower shall make one lump-sum withdrawal before June 30, 2020.

4.2 The lender may entitled to cancel part or all of the borrower's undrawn borrowing, if the borrower fails to withdraw money as agreed.

Article 5 Repayment

5.1 The borrower shall repay the loan in the ways specified in (1) below:

(1) Both principle and interest are due as a one lump-sum payment upon loan maturity date.

(2) Other: _____

Article 6 Guarantee

The _____ / _____ has provided maximum guarantee for the underlying loan, and the information of the corresponding guarantee contract is as follows: The Contact No: _____ / _____

Article 7 Financial Commitment

The borrower shall maintain following financial commitment:

_____ / _____

Article 8 Dispute Resolution

Disputes under this contract will be resolved through litigation in the court where the lender is located.

Article 9 Other

9.1 This contract is in quadruplicate, where the borrower, the lender, Heilongjiang Province Xinzheng Investment & Guarantee Group Co., Ltd., and Tahe Market Supervision Administration each holds one copy and all have the same legal effect.

9.2 The following attachments are agreed by both parties as inseparable part of this agreement, which have the same legal effect as this agreement:

Attachment 1: Withdrawal Notice (Format)

Attachment 2: Payment Entrustment Agreement

9.3 Please contact at 95588 or the lender's business office for relevant matters or complaints.

Article 10 Other Matters Agreed by Both Party

The shareholder, legal person and spouse of the additional borrower shall bear joint guarantee responsibility, implement legal and effective guarantee procedures, and sign a guarantee contract.

Part Two: Specific Clauses

Article 1 Interest rate and Interest

1.1 When borrowing in currency, LIBOR shall be the interbank offered rate of the currency borrowed under the this agreement as shown on the REUTERS financial telecommunication terminal page "LIBO=" on withdrawal date or two business days before the pricing benchmark adjustment date (11:00 am London time). HIBOR shall be the interbank offered rate of Hongkong Dollar as shown on the REUTERS financial telecommunication terminate page "HIBO=" on withdrawal date or two business days before the pricing benchmark adjustment date (11:15 Hongkong time).

1.2 The interest rate is determined by the benchmark interest rate plus the floating range. The overdue interest rate shall be determined by the same manner.

1.3 If the interest is settled monthly, the settlement date shall be 20th of each month; if the interest is settled quarterly, the settlement date shall be 20th of the third month,; if the interest is settled semi-annually, and the settlement date shall be June 20th and December 20th.

1.4 The first interest period is from the withdraw date to the first settlement date; the last interest period is from the second date of previous settlement to the repayment date. The rest interest periods are from the second date of previous settlement to the next settlement date.

1.5 Loan interest = loan principal ×daily interest rate ×actual days of use.

If equal principal and interest repayment method is adopted, the calculation formula of principal and interest shall be as follows:

Total principal and interest of each period = (financing principal × period interest rate × period repayment period)/ ((period interest rate) repayment period -1)

1.6 The new interest rate shall be adopted in case the People's Bank of China decides to adjust the determination method for the interest rate, and the lender is not obligated to notify the borrower.

1.7 If the interest rate on the signing date of this agreement is lower than the LPR published by the National Interbank Lending Center, the lender has the right to reevaluate annually and cancel part or all of the interest preference based the evaluation of policy change, the borrower's credit status, etc. and notify the borrower in a timely manner.

Article 2 Issuance and Transfer

2.1 The withdrawal of the loan must meet the following preconditions; otherwise the lender is not obligated to make any transfer to the borrower, except that the lender agrees to make the transfer in advance:

- (1) Other than the credit loan, the borrower has provided corresponding guarantees as required by the lender and has completed relevant guarantees procedures;
 - (2) At the time of withdrawal, the borrower's statements and guarantees under this agreement are still true, accurate, and complete, and no breach of this agreement or any other agreements signed by the borrower or the lender has happened;
 - (3) The proof of loan use provided is consistent with the agreed use;
 - (4) Submit other information required by the lender.
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2.2 If the borrower invests the loan under this agreement in fixed assets, in addition to satisfying the requirements under 2.1, the borrower must also satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) The invested project has obtained the examination, approval or filing from the relevant governmental agencies;
- (2) The invested project has obtained the capital base or other supporting funds in a timely manner and in full amount;
- (3) The borrower is able to cover the excess expense that has or has not been incurred;
- (4) The borrower has completed the project schedule as planned, where actual progress of the project matches the corresponding invested amount.

2.3 If the borrower withdraws the loan through the designated business outlet of the lender, it must submit a withdrawal notice to the lender at least five working days in advance. Once the withdrawal notice is submitted, it cannot be revoked without the written consent of the lender. The lender shall stamp on the loan receipt with lender's official seal or special financial seal by following the instructions on the withdrawal notice regarding the seal of holdback escrow signature. The lender hereby confirms that the loan receipt shall be valid if the holdback escrow signature contains both official and special financial seal or if a single or more seals are stamped on the loan receipt.

2.4 After the borrower satisfies the prerequisites for withdrawal or advances the loan with the consent of the lender, the lender will transfer the loan to the borrower's withdrawal account agreed in this contract, which means that the lender has issued the loan to the borrower in accordance with the contract.

2.5 According to the relevant regulatory regulations and lender management requirements, loans exceeding a certain amount or meeting other conditions should use the lender's entrustment payment method, and the lender will pay the loan to the person in accordance with the contract according to the borrower's withdrawal application and payment entrustment. For this purpose, the lender and the borrower shall sign an entrustment payment agreement as a supporting document for this agreement. The borrower shall open or designate an account with the lender for entrustment matters.

Article 3 Repayment

3.1 The borrower is obligated to repay the principal, interest and other balances due for each period in a timely manner according to this agreement. On the repayment day and the prior of business day of the interest expiry date, the borrower shall transfer the interest, principal and other balances due to the lender's account. The lender has the right to take voluntary receipt of the transfer on the same days. If the funds sent to the lender's account are insufficient for full repayment of the borrower's balances due, the lender has the right to determine the discharge order.

3.2 The borrower may choose to repay part or all of the loan 10 business days in advance by submitting a written consent to the lender.

3.3 Once obtained the consent of the lender for advance repayment, the borrower shall make the full repayment before or on the advance date, in accordance with the principal, interest and other clauses of this agreement.

3.4 The lender has the right to recall the loan based on the borrower's return of funds.

3.5 If the borrower repays in advance or the lender withdraws the loan in advance in accordance with this contract and the actual borrowing period is shortened, the corresponding interest rate level will not be adjusted and the original borrowing interest rate will still be implemented.

Article 4 Guarantee

4.1 In addition to credit loans, the borrower shall provide legal and effective guarantees recognized by the lender for the performance of its obligations under this contract. The guarantee agreement shall be separately signed.

4.2 If the collateral under this contract is damaged, depreciates, involves in property rights disputes, being seized, or the pledger disposes of the collateral without authorization, or the guarantor experiences adverse change in his/her financial situation, or other changes adverse to the lender's claims occur, the borrower shall notify the lender in time and provide other guarantees approved by the lender.

4.3 The lender shall have the right to re-evaluate the value of the security property and the guarantee ability of the guarantor periodically or irregularly. If it is deemed that the value of the security property is reduced or the guarantee ability of the guarantor is reduced, the borrower shall provide additional value reduction or guarantee ability. The reduced portion of the equivalent guarantee may also be provided in addition to other guarantees approved by the lender.

4.4 If the loan under this contract provides pledged security with accounts receivable, during the validity period of this contract, if one of the following situations occurs, the lender has the right to declare the loan to expire early and require the borrower to repay part or all of the loan principal and interest immediately. Legal, valid and full guarantees approved by the lender:

- (1) The bad debt rate of accounts receivable from the pledger of the accounts receivable to the payer has been rising for 2 consecutive months;
- (2) The accounts receivable due from the pledgor of the accounts receivable to the payer accounted for more than 5% of the balance of accounts receivable to the payer; or
- (3) The pledgee of the account receivable has trade disputes (including but not limited to quality, technology and service disputes) or debt disputes with the payer or other third parties, which may cause the receivables to fail to be paid on time.

Article 5 Account Managements

5.1 If the loan proceeds are used for the borrower's operational activities and working capital requirement, the borrower shall designate an account with the lender for return on the funds, for the purpose of receiving the corresponding sales income or schedule repayment. If the corresponding sales income is not paid in cash, the borrower shall ensure that the cash is sent to the designated account in a timely manner once it is received.

5.2 The lender has the right to monitor and manage the designated account for return on the funds, including but not limited to the sales income and expense, with which the borrower shall cooperate. Upon the lender's request, the borrower and the lender shall sign special account management agreement.

Article 6 Representations and Warranties

The borrower makes the following representations and warranties to the lender, which shall remain valid throughout the term of this contract:

6.1 It is qualified as the subject of the borrower and has the qualification and ability to sign and perform this contract.

6.2 The signing of this contract has obtained all necessary authorization or approval, and the signing and performance of this contract does not violate the company's articles of association and relevant laws and regulations, and has no conflict with other obligations under this contract.

6.3 Other debts payable have been paid on schedule and there is no malicious default on the principal and interest of bank loans.

6.4 No major violations of rules and regulations have taken place in the production and operation process in the recent years, and the current senior managers have no major bad records.

6.5 All documents and materials provided to the lender are true, accurate, complete and valid, and there are no false records, material omissions or misleading statements.

6.6 The borrower does not conceal from the lender information about any litigation, arbitration or claims incidents involved.

6.7 Investment in fixed assets and irrelevant projects and loan clauses all comply with the law and regulations.

Article 7 Borrower's Commitment

7.1 The borrower shall withdrawal and use the loan proceeds in accordance with the duration and the use specified by this agreement. No loan proceeds shall enter the capital market, futures market and other uses which the relevant law and regulations prohibit or limit.

7.2 The borrower shall repay the principal, interest and other dues in accordance with this agreement.

7.3 The borrower shall cooperate with the lender on the supervision and inspection of the use of the funds borrowed under this agreement and of the business condition of the and that it will promptly provide all financial statements and related materials needed by the lender, which the borrower warrants to be true, complete and accurate.

7.4 The borrower shall accept the credit check from the lender, provide the lender authentic, accurate and complete financial documents and other documents that show the borrower's solvency, including all the borrower's opening bank, bank accounts, checking balances. The borrower shall provide active cooperation and assistance with the lender's investigation and supervision of the borrower's production, management, and financial activities.

7.5 If there is any outstanding principal and interest of borrowings and other payables that are due (including being immediately due) under this contract, dividends and bonuses will not be distributed in any form.

7.6 The merger, division, capital reduction, equity change, equity pledge, major asset and debt transfer, major foreign investment, substantial increase in debt financing, and other actions that may adversely affect the lender's equity should be carried out with prior written consent from the lender or arrangements that meet the lender's management requirements for the realization of the lender's claims.

7.7 The borrower shall issue written notices to Lender upon occurrence or possible occurrence of the following events in time:

(1) Borrower amends its articles of association, replaces its legal representative, reduces its registered capital or makes material changes in its finances or personnel;

(2) Suspension of business, dissolution, liquidation, suspension of business operations for rectification, revocation of business license, revocation or application for bankruptcy;

(3) Borrower involves or may involve major economic disputes, litigation, arbitration, or its assets are seized, or enforced, or judicial, taxation, industry and commerce, and other competent authorities have filed investigations or taken punishment;

(4) Borrower is a party to a material legal suit or its main assets have been put under property preservation or other orders;

(5) Mergers, divisions, capital reductions, equity changes, equity pledges, withdrawals, major asset and debt transfers, major foreign investments, substantial increase in debt financing, and other events that may adversely affect the lender's equity.

7.8 The borrower shall timely, comprehensively and accurately disclose related party relationships and related party transactions to lenders.

7.9 The borrower shall sign all kinds of notices sent by lenders or delivered in other ways in time.

7.10 The borrower shall not dispose of its own assets in a way that reduces its solvency; providing guarantees to third parties does not damage the rights and interests of the lender.

7.11 If the borrower defaults, the borrower shall bear the costs incurred by the lender in order to realize the claims under this contract, including but not limited to, attorney's fees, auction fees, notary fees, and the cost of applying for the issuance of an executive certificate, etc.

7.12 The order in which the borrower's debts are settled under this contract takes precedence over the borrower's debts to its shareholders, legal representatives or principals, partners, major investors or key management personnel, and the debts of the same type with the borrower's other creditors are at least equal status.

7.15 The borrower shall strengthen environmental and social risk management, and accept the supervision and inspection of lenders in this regard. Submit environmental and social risk reports to the lender if required by the lender.

Article 8 Lender's Commitment

8.1 The lender shall release the full loan on schedule under this agreement;

8.2 The lender shall protect the privacy of the unpublic information of the borrower's financial and production activities, except as otherwise specified by the law and regulation and other clauses under this agreement.

Article 9 Breach of Contract

9.1. Any of the following events shall be considered a breach under this Article:

- (1) The borrower fails to repay the loan principal and interest and other payables under this contract as agreed, or fails to perform any other obligations under this contract, or violates the statements, guarantees or commitments under this contract;
 - (2) The guarantee under this contract has changed to the detriment of the lender's claims, and the borrower has not provided other guarantees that meet the lender's management ;
 - (3) Borrower or guarantor is involved in illegal activities;
 - (4) According to the stipulations in the loan terms, in case of the guarantor (guaranty) changed, which leads to the obligations performed by the guarantor ahead of schedule or the disposal of guaranty by the money lender in advance; or any actions the borrower may take which influence returning the principal and interests to the money lender;
 - (5) The borrower's financial indicators such as profitability, solvency, operating capacity and cash flow exceed the agreed standards, or the deterioration has or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract;
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- (6) The borrower's equity structure, production and operation, foreign investment, etc. have undergone significant adverse changes that have or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract;
 - (7) The borrower is involved or may be involved in major economic disputes, litigation, arbitration, or the assets are seized, seized, or enforced, or the judicial or administrative organs file the case for investigation and punishment, or take punitive measures according to law, or have been violated due to violation of relevant national regulations or policies, media exposure that has or may affect the performance of its obligations under this contract; Abnormal changes, disappearances of the main investor of the borrower, key management personnel, disappearance, or legal investigation by the judicial authority restrictions on personal freedom that have or may affect the performance of their obligations under this contract;
 - (8) Borrowers use false contracts with related parties, use transactions without actual transaction background to borrow lender funds or credits, or intentionally evade the lender's claims through related party transactions;
 - (9) The borrower has or may be closed, disbanded, liquidated, suspended for business rectification, revoked business license, revoked, or filed (applied for);
 - (10) The borrower has caused liability accidents, major environmental and social risk events due to violations of laws and regulations, regulatory provisions or industry standards related to food safety, safe production, environmental protection and other environmental and social risk management, which have or may affect his performance of obligations;
 - (11) The legal representative, responsible person, partner and major investors or key management personnel of the lender gets involved in gang-related, drug, gambling and smuggling or other kinds of crime;
 - (12) The borrower defaults on taxes, fees or frequently fails to pay wages to employees in a timely manner;
 - (13) The legal representative, responsible person, partner and major investors or key management personnel of the lender defaults on personal loan or breaches credit card contract.
 - (14) There exist other circumstances that may cause the lender 's realization of its claims under this contract to be adversely affected.
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9.2. In the event of borrower's breach, the lender has the right to take the following steps:

- (1) Request the borrower to rectify the breach of contract within a time limit;
- (2) Stop providing loan funds that Borrower has not yet used;
- (3) Unilaterally declare all principal already lent under the Loan Contract to be due ahead of the contract due date and require Borrower immediately to return the principal and pay all interest due; and
- (4) Take other remedies as provided by applicable laws and regulations.
- (5) If the borrower fails to repay the loan as contracted or the borrower fails to use the loan for the purposes specified in this contract, the lender shall have the right to charge the penalty interest at the overdue penalty interest rate stipulated in this contract from the date of the expiration of the loan.

9.3 If the borrower is due (including the immediate expiration of the loan) and the borrower fails to repay as agreed, the lender shall have the right to collect the penalty interest at the overdue penalty interest rate agreed in this contract from the date of overdue. For the interest (including penalty interest) that the borrower fails to pay on time, compound interest will be charged at the overdue penalty interest rate. Penalty / compound interest settlement rules apply to the interest settlement rules stipulated in this contract.

9.4 If the borrower fails to use the loan for the purposes stipulated in this contract, the lender has the right to collect the penalty interest on the embezzled portion of the embezzled loan penalty interest rate from the date the loan is embezzled. If the loan is not paid on time during the embezzlement For interest (including penalty interest), compound interest shall be collected at the penalty interest rate of embezzled loans. Penalty / compound interest settlement rules apply to the interest settlement rules stipulated in this contract.

9.5 If the borrower occurs at the same time as described in Articles 9.3 and 9.4 above, the penalty interest rate shall be determined by whichever is heavier and cannot be imposed concurrently.

9.6 If the borrower fails to repay the loan principal, interest (including penalty interest and compound interest) or other payables on time, the lender has the right to make announcements through the media.

9.7 The control or controlled relationship between the borrower 's related party and the borrower has changed, or the borrower 's related party has experienced other circumstances in addition to item (1) (2) in Article 9.1 above, which has or may If it affects the performance of the borrower 's obligations under this contract, the lender shall have the right to take the measures agreed upon in this contract.

Article 10 Deduction

10.1 If the borrower fails to repay the debts on time (including the debts which is declared to be immediately due) as agreed in the contract, the borrower agrees that the lender withholds the corresponding amount from all the local and foreign currency accounts opened by the borrower in Industrial and Commercial Bank for repayment until the loan is made. The date when all debts of the payee under this contract have been discharged.

10.2 If the withholding amount is inconsistent with the currency hereof, it shall be converted according to the exchange rate applicable to the lender on the withholding date. The interest and other expenses incurred during the period of the debt and the difference caused by the fluctuation of exchange rate during the period shall be paid by the borrower.

10.3 If the withholding amount from the borrower is not enough to pay off all of its debts, the money lender shall have the right to determine the priority of claims.

Article 11 Transfer of Rights and Duties

11.1 The lender may transfer his rights and interests under the contract to other people even if with no approval from borrower or guarantor, while the borrower and guarantor shall continue to finish their responsibilities or obligations stipulated in the contract; the borrower or guarantor shall not transfer his responsibilities or obligations stipulated in the contract to a third party if with no written approval from the money lender.

11.2 The lender or Industrial and Commercial Bank of China ("ICBC") may authorize or entrust its other branches to exercise the rights and responsibility under this agreement, or transfer the relevant rights to other branches for takeover and management, pursuant to management needs. The lender approves this practice and the borrower does not need to obtain the lender's approval for the practice above. ICBC or its branch that takes over the lender's rights and responsibilities has the right to exercise all the rights of the lender under this agreement and the right to initiate legal proceedings, arbitration or forced execution.

Article 12 Take Effect, Change, Cancel and Terminate

12.1 This contract shall come into force when the following conditions are met and shall be valid until the date when the borrower's obligations here under have been fully fulfilled.

12.2 Any modification to this Agreement shall be negotiated and agreed upon by both parties, and be made in writing. Modifications to this Agreement shall constitute part of the Agreement and have the same legal effect. Prior to the effective date of a modification, the original clause remains legally effective.

12.3 There shall be no influences on the rights that each party has for its losses compensated after any changes or termination of the contract happened. The termination of the contract shall not affect the effectiveness of the clauses in the contract stipulated for settling disputes.

Article 13 Application of law and dispute resolution Article

The conclusion, validity, interpretation, performance and dispute settlement of this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the People's Republic of China. All disputes and disputes arising out of or in connection with this agreement shall be settled by the parties through negotiation. If no agreement can be reached through negotiation, the dispute shall be litigated in the People's Court where the lender is located with proper jurisdiction.

Article 14 The address of service of litigation/arbitration documents shall be sent

14.1 The borrower acknowledges that the address set forth on the first page of this contract shall be the service address of the litigation/arbitration documents involved in the disputes hereunder. Litigation/arbitration documents include but are not limited to summons, notice of hearing, judgment, order, conciliation statement and a notice of performance, etc.

14.2 The borrower agrees that arbitration/litigation documents may be served by the arbitration institution or the court by fax or E-mail as set forth in the first page of this contract, except the written judgment, order or conciliation statement.

14.3 The above provisions on service shall apply to all stages of first instance, second instance, retrial and execution of arbitration and litigation proceedings. For the above address of service, service may be made by the arbitration institution or the court directly by mail.

14.4 The borrower shall ensure the authenticity and validity of the address, contact person, fax, E-mail and other information recorded in this contract. If the relevant information is changed, the borrower shall promptly notify the lender in writing; otherwise, the borrower shall bear any legal consequences due to they fail to provide the valid address.

Article 15 Complete Agreement

This Loan Agreement is comprised of Part One: Basic Clauses and Part Two: Specific Clauses. Any phrase in both parts of Loan Agreement shall have the same meanings. Both parts apply to the loan made pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

Article 16 Notice

16.1 All notices shall be sent in writing (including electronic form). Unless otherwise agreed, the address in the contract shall be the contact address. Any change in the contact mode of either party shall be notified to the other party in writing in time.

16.2 In the event that any party to Loan Agreement rejects to receive notices, or any notice cannot be delivered due to other circumstances, notice shall be deemed to be given if the sender obtains notary certificate.

Article 17 Special provisions of value-added tax

17.1 The interest and fees paid by the borrower to the lender under this contract (as specified in the contract) are tax-inclusive.

17.2 If the borrower requires the lender to issue a VAT invoice, it shall first register the information at the lender, including the borrower's full name, taxpayer identification number or social credit code, address, telephone number, bank of deposit and account number. The borrower shall ensure that the relevant information provided to the lender is true, accurate and complete, and provide relevant proof materials as required by the lender. The specific requirements shall be published by the lender through the network notice or website announcement.

17.3 If the borrower collects the VAT invoice by itself, it shall provide the lender with the power of attorney with the stamp, designate the recipient and specify the recipient's ID card number and other information. The designated recipient shall collect the VAT invoice with the original ID card. If the person is changed, the borrower shall re-issue the power of attorney with seal to the lender. If the borrower chooses to receive the VAT invoice by mail, it shall also provide accurate and deliverable postal information; if the mailing information has been changed, it shall promptly notify the lender in writing.

17.4 If the lender fails to issue the VAT invoice in time due to force majeure such as natural disasters, governmental ACTS, social abnormal events or tax authorities, the lender shall have the right to delay the invoice issuance without any liability.

17.5 If the invoice is lost, damaged or overdue after the VAT invoice is received by the borrower or after the lender has handed it over to a third party, the borrower cannot receive the corresponding VAT invoice or the deduction cannot be credited. The person is not responsible for compensation for the borrower's related economic losses.

17.6 If the VAT invoice is received by the borrower or delivered by the lender to a third party by mailing, and the invoice is lost, damaged or overdue due to other non-lender reasons, which causes the borrower to fail to receive the corresponding VAT invoice or fail to offset the overdue VAT invoice, the lender shall not be responsible for compensating the borrower for the relevant economic losses.

17.7 During the performance of this contract, in case of national tax rate adjustment, the lender shall have the right to adjust the agreed price according to the change of national tax rate.

Article 18. Other Clauses

18.1 The non-exercise, partial exercise, or delay in the exercise of any rights that the borrower has under this Agreement shall not constitute the abandonment or alteration of such rights, nor shall it impact the borrower's future exercise of such rights or any other rights it has under this Agreement.

18.2 The invalidity of any clause in the contract shall not affect the validity of other clauses, nor shall it affect the validity of the whole contract.

18.3 In compliance with applicable laws and regulations, the money lender shall have the right to provide information related to this Agreement and related to the borrower to Credit Information System established by People's Bank of China.

18.4 In this Agreement and any modifications thereof, "Primary Management Personnel" shall be interpreted pursuant to the definition in Corporation Accounting Standards No.36.

18.5 The environmental and social risks mentioned in this contract refer to the harm and related risks that the borrower and its important related parties may bring to the environment and society during construction, production and business activities, including energy consumption, pollution, land, health and safety, resettlement, ecological protection, climate change and other environmental and social issues.

18.6 Any certificate or records kept by the creditor in its regular course of business shall have binding evidentiary effects on the borrower regarding its lender-borrower relationship with the money lender.

18.7 In this Agreement: (1) "Agreement" shall include any modifications or supplement made to the original Loan Agreement; (2) titles of the Articles shall be used for reference only and shall not be interpreted to explain or limit any contents of this Agreement.

Both parties confirm that: the lender and the borrower have undertaken sufficient negotiation over all of the clauses under this agreement. The lender has called the borrower's special attention to clauses about both parties' rights and responsibilities by understanding the clauses in an accurate and comprehensive manner, and has explained and illustrated the clauses in response to the borrower's request. The borrower has carefully read and understood all the clauses of this agreement (including the Part One: Basic Clauses and Part Two: Specific Clauses). Both parties have consistent understanding of the clauses under this agreement and have no objection.

This Loan Agreement has two originals, which are identical to each other, with each of the parties holding one copy. There are several duplicates for future reference.

Lender: /s/ Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited - Tahe Branch

Borrower: /s/ Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Tahe Power Plant

I, as the legal representative / authorized representative of the borrower, hereby confirm that the borrower borrows from the lender in accordance with this agreement and the seal stamped on this agreement is authentic and valid, and have completed executing all of the procedures required by the borrowing.

Legal Representative: /s/ Fenghong Qu

Date: May 22, 2020

Agreement No: [*]

Loan Guaranty Agreement

This contract is entered into by and between the creditor and the guarantor on an equal and voluntary basis according to law. In order to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the guarantor, the creditor hereby requests the guarantor to pay full attention to all the provisions concerning the rights and obligations of both parties, especially the contents in bold type.

Creditor: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Tahe Branch (hereafter referred to Party A)

Legal representative: Linqing Wang

Address: No. 49, Jianshe Avenue, Tahe Town

Telephone: [*]

Guarantor: CN Energy Industrial Development (hereafter referred to Party B)

Legal representative: Guolong Wang

Address: No. 327, Green Valley Avenue, Shuige Industrial Park, Liandu District, Lishui City, Zhejiang Province

Zip code: 323000

Telephone: [*]

Contact person: Jinwu Huang

Phone number: [*]

Party B acts as the guarantor. After negotiation on an equal basis, both parties make the following contract to abide by according to relevant laws and statutes.

Article 1 Guaranteed Principle Claim

The creditor's right guaranteed by Party B is the creditor's right against the debtor based on the main contract (Name: Small Business Loan Agreement, Number: [*]) signed with Party A on May 22, 2020.

Article 2 Guarantee Method

Party B assumes the responsibility of guarantee by joint and several liability guarantee.

Article 3 Guarantee Scope

Party B guarantee scope includes: principle, interest, penalty interest, liquidated damages, etc.

Article 4 Guarantee Period

The guarantee period of this contract: Two years from the loan maturity date. During the guarantee period, the creditor has right to request debtor to undertake guarantee liability based on the whole or part of principle claim.

Article 5 Party B Promise and Statements

The statements and promises will be as follows:

5.1 The guarantor is legally qualified to be a guarantor, providing Party A with guaranty in accordance with the articles of the company by obtaining all the mandatory authorizations or entrustment, without violating any law, regulations or other relevant stipulations.

5.2 If the company is a public company or its subsidiary, the guarantor shall disclose the relevant information in accordance with the capital market law and exchange listing regulations.

5.3. The guarantor has the full capacity to take the responsibility of the guaranty, and will not be affected by any instructions, changes in financial circumstances, or any contract signed with a third party that reduces or exempts the guarantor's responsibilities.

5.4 The guarantor fully understands the loan use under the agreement, provides guaranty to the creditor voluntarily, and finds the content of the agreement true. With regard to domestic and international trade financing, the guarantor confirms that the basis of the financing is true and no fraud exists.

5.5 All the documents provided by guarantor must be real, accurate, complete and effective;

5.6 If the principal creditor's right guaranteed by this agreement is to provide Party A with international trade financing, the guarantor accepts and approves the relevant international conventions of the business.

5.7 Guarantor conceals no major liabilities before the cut-off date of the contract from creditor.

Article 6 Party B Commitment

Party B makes the following commitment to Party A:

6.1 If any one of the following situations occurs, under Party A's requests, the Party B shall unconditionally perform the guaranty duty under this agreement:

- A. Debtor fails to make full repayment on or before the principal creditor's right matures;
- B. Party B or the debtor files for bankruptcy, or closes, dissolves, liquidates, suspends its business, or gets its business license revoked or canceled.

6.2 If Party A's creditor rights are guaranteed by property, regardless of whether the guaranty is provided by the debtor or third party, Party A has the right to request Party B take the guaranty responsibility first in the order, and Party B shall not dispute this request. If Party A waive, change, or lose other guaranty rights, Party B's guaranty responsibility shall still be effective and shall not be thereby ineffective or reduced.

6.3 Party B shall provide relevant documents requested by Party A, including financial documents, tax return, or other documents that reflect Party B's financial status.

6.4 If any one of the following situations occurs, Party B shall continue to exercise its duty of guarantor pursuant to this agreement and there is no need to obtain Party B's consent:

- A. The main loan agreement between Party A and the debtor is changed pursuant to their negotiations, which does not increase or extend the debtor's obligation;
- B. In the process of domestic or international financing, Party A and the debtor change the credit proof of the main loan agreement, which does not increase or extend the debtor's obligation;
- C. The amount of debt changes due to fluctuations in the floating exchange rate or LPR adopted by the main loan agreement;
- D. Party A transfers the creditor's right to a third party.

6.5 Party B shall not provide guaranty to a third party that will harm the interest of Party A.

6.6 In case of any merger, spin-off, capital reduction, stock transfer, stock pledge, major transfer of capital and debtor, major foreign investment, material increase in debt financing or other activity that could cause negative impact on Party A's rights, Party B shall obtain Party A's written consent or make satisfying arrangements under the guaranty agreement, otherwise it shall not engaged in the above activities.

6.7 If any of the following situation occurs, Party B shall notify Party A in a timely manner:

- A. Any change in articles of the corporation, operating scope, registered capital, legal representative, or stock rights;
- B. Shutdown, dissolution, liquidation, suspension, being suspended business license, being revoked or filing for bankruptcy;
- C. Involvement with any potential major business disputes, litigation, arbitration or seizure of the property;
- D. If Party B is a natural person, any change in residence, employment, contact or others;

6.8 Party B shall make timely receipt of Party A's written notice.

6.9 Party B shall exercise its duty regarding letter of credit in a responsible way.

6.10 Under clauses of shipping guarantee, endorsement of lading bill, or authorizing shipping business, Party B shall not dispute or reject the debtor's nonpayment of letter of credit.

Article 7 Party A Commitment

Without the written consent of Party C, Party B cannot transfer the authorities and liabilities of the contract to a third party. With the written consent of Party C, Party B can transfer the authorities and liabilities of the contract to a third party, which should abide by the clauses of the contract unconditionally.

Article 8 Event of Default

Event of default is as follows:

- 8.1 Does not perform the guarantee liabilities of contract on schedule;
- 8.2 The statements in contract are not real, or do not fulfill the commitments in contract;
- 8.3 Violate other agreements about rights and obligations of the parties;

Article 9 Alteration of the Contract

After the effectiveness of the contract, no party can alter or cancel the contract without other's consent. In case of alteration or cancellation, the party should notice others in written form a month in advance, and sign the alteration agreement legally.

Article 10 Resolutions of Disputes

10.1 The items excluding the contract should be handled according to the laws, statutes and financial regulations.

10.2 All the disputes should be negotiated first. If the Parties fail to reach resolutions, then the 1st measure would be taken:

- i. Sue to the People's Court of Party B's Location.
- ii. Submit to _____ arbitration committee.

Article 11 Confirmation of Addresses for

Sending Documents of Litigation or Arbitration

11.1 Party B confirms that the address recorded on the first page of this agreement is the delivery address for litigation or arbitration document. Litigation or arbitration document includes but is not limited to notice, announcement of court session, judgment, arbitration, resolution, notice of time limit, etc.

11.2 Party B agrees that the arbitration institution or the court may use the fax, email recorded on first page of this agreement for the purpose of sending arbitration or litigation documents, excluding judgment, arbitration, and resolution.

11.3 The above delivery also applies to the first trial, second trial, appeal and execution of the arbitration and litigation procedures during each phase. Regarding the above delivery address, the arbitration institution or the court may deliver by mail.

11.4 Party B shall ensure that the address, contact, fax, email address and other information on this agreement are true and valid. If any relevant information changes, Party B shall notify Party A by written notice, otherwise the original information shall be deemed as effective and Party B shall voluntarily take responsibility for the legal consequence.

Article 12 Other

This Loan Contract has two originals, which are identical to each other, with each of the parties holding one copy. There are several duplicates for future reference.

Party A : /s/ Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited - Tahe Branch

Signing date: May 22, 2020

Party B: /s/ CN Energy Industrial Development

Signing date: May 22, 2020

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

Subsidiaries of the Registrant

Name of Subsidiary	Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization
CLEAN ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED	Hong Kong
Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
Manzhouli CN Energy Technology Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
CN Energy Industrial Development Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China



CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to use in this Registration Statement on Form F-1 of CN Energy Group, Inc. of our report dated January 21, 2020, except for notes 1, 10, 17, 18, and 19, as to which the date is May 1, 2020, and note 12, as to which the date is July 2, 2020, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of CN Energy Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”) as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended September 30, 2019, included in this Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the heading “Experts” in the Prospectus.

/s/ Friedman LLP

New York, New York
July 2, 2020

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**CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS OF
CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.**

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics contains general guidelines for conducting the business of CN ENERGY GROUP. INC., a British Virgin Islands company (the “Company”), consistent with the highest standards of business ethics. To the extent this Code requires a higher standard than required by commercial practice or applicable laws, rules or regulations, we adhere to these higher standards.

This Code applies to all of the directors, officers, and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries (which, unless the context otherwise requires, are collectively referred to as the “Company” in this Code). We refer to all persons covered by this Code as “Company employees” or simply “employees.” We also refer to our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer as our “principal financial officers.”

Seeking Help and Information

This Code is not intended to be a comprehensive rulebook and cannot address every situation that you may face. If you feel uncomfortable about a situation or have any doubts about whether it is consistent with the Company’s ethical standards, seek help. We encourage you to contact your supervisor for help first. If your supervisor cannot answer your question or if you do not feel comfortable contacting your supervisor, contact the Compliance Officer of the Company, who shall be a person appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Chief Financial Officer of the Company has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company as the Compliance Officer for the Company. The Company will notify you if the Board of Directors appoints a different Compliance Officer. You may remain anonymous and will not be required to reveal your identity in your communication to the Company.

Reporting Violations of the Code

All employees have a duty to report any known or suspected violation of this Code, including any violation of the laws, rules, regulations or policies that apply to the Company. If you know of or suspect a violation of this Code, immediately report the conduct to your supervisor. Your supervisor will contact the Compliance Officer, who will work with you and your supervisor to investigate the matter. If you do not feel comfortable reporting the matter to your supervisor or you do not get a satisfactory response, you may contact the Compliance Officer directly. Employees making a report need not leave their name or other personal information and reasonable efforts will be used to conduct the investigation that follows from the report in a manner that protects the confidentiality and anonymity of the employee submitting the report. All reports of known or suspected violations of the law or this Code will be handled sensitively and with discretion. Your supervisor, the Compliance Officer and the Company will protect your confidentiality to the extent possible, consistent with law and the Company’s need to investigate your report.

It is the Company policy that any employee who violates this Code will be subject to appropriate discipline, which may include termination of employment. This determination will be based upon the facts and circumstances of each particular situation. An employee accused of violating this Code will be given an opportunity to present his or her version of the events at issue prior to any determination of appropriate discipline. Employees who violate the law or this Code may expose themselves to substantial civil damages, criminal fines and prison terms. The Company may also face substantial fines and penalties and many incur damage to its reputation and standing in the community. Your conduct as a representative of the Company, if it does not comply with the law or with this Code, can result in serious consequences for both you and the Company.

Policy Against Retaliation

The Company prohibits retaliation against an employee who, in good faith, seeks help or reports known or suspected violations. Any reprisal or retaliation against an employee because the employee, in good faith, sought help or filed a report will be subject to disciplinary action, including potential termination of employment.

Waivers of the Code

Waivers of this Code for employees may be made only by an executive officer of the Company. Any waiver of this Code for our directors, executive officers or other principal financial officers may be made only by our Board of Directors or the appropriate committee of our Board of Directors and will be disclosed to the public as required by law or the rules of the Nasdaq Capital Market.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Identifying Potential Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest can occur when an employee's private interest interferes, or appears to interfere, with the interests of the Company as a whole. You should avoid any private interest that influences your ability to act in the interests of the Company or that makes it difficult to perform your work objectively and effectively.

Identifying potential conflicts of interest may not always be clear-cut. The following situations are examples of conflicts of interest:

- Outside Employment. No employee should be employed by, serve as a director of, or provide any services not in his or her capacity as a Company employee to a company that is a material customer, supplier, or competitor of the Company.
- Improper Personal Benefits. No employee should obtain any material (as to him or her) personal benefits or favors because of his or her position with the Company. Please see "Gifts and Entertainment" below for additional guidelines in this area.
- Financial Interests. No employee should have a significant financial interest (ownership or otherwise) in any company that is a material customer, supplier or competitor of the Company. A "significant financial interest" means (i) ownership of greater than 1% of the equity of a material customer, supplier or competitor or (ii) an investment in a material customer, supplier or competitor that represents more than 5% of the total assets of the employee.
- Loans or Other Financial Transactions. No employee should obtain loans or guarantees of personal obligations from, or enter into any other personal financial transaction with, any company that is a material customer, supplier or competitor of the Company. This guideline does not prohibit arms-length transactions with banks, brokerage firms or other financial institutions.
- Service on Boards and Committees. No employee should serve on a board of directors or trustees or on a committee of any entity (whether profit or not-for-profit) whose interests reasonably would be expected to conflict with those of the Company.
- Actions of Family Members. The actions of family members outside the workplace may also give rise to the conflicts of interest described above because they may influence an employee's objectivity in making decisions on behalf of the Company. For purposes of this Code, "family members" include your spouse or life-partner, brothers, sisters and parents, in-laws and children whether such relationships are by blood or adoption.

For purposes of this Code, a company is a "material" customer if that company has made payments to the Company in the past year in excess of US\$100,000 or 10% of the customer's gross revenues, whichever is greater. A company is a "material" supplier if that company has received payments from the Company in the past year in excess of US\$100,000 or 10% of the supplier's gross revenues, whichever is greater. A company is a "material" competitor if that company competes in the Company's line of business and has annual gross revenues from such line of business in excess of US\$500,000. If you are uncertain whether a particular company is a material customer, supplier or competitor, please contact the Compliance Officer for assistance.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The Company requires that employees disclose any situations that reasonably would be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest. If you suspect that you have a conflict of interest, or something that others could reasonably perceive as a conflict of interest, you must report it to your supervisor or the Compliance Officer. Your supervisor and the Compliance Officer will work with you to determine whether you have a conflict of interest and, if so, how best to address it. Although conflicts of interest are not automatically prohibited, they are not desirable and may only be waived as described in "Waivers of the Code" above.

CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES

As an employee of the Company, you have an obligation to advance the Company's interests when the opportunity to do so arises. If you discover or are presented with a business opportunity through the use of corporate property, information, or because of your position with the Company, you should first present the business opportunity to the Company before pursuing the opportunity in your individual capacity. No employee may use corporate property, information, or his or her position with the Company for personal gain or should compete with the Company.

You should disclose to your supervisor the terms and conditions of each business opportunity covered by this Code that you wish to pursue. Your supervisor will contact the Compliance Officer and the appropriate management personnel to determine whether the Company wishes to pursue the business opportunity. If the Company waives its right to pursue the business opportunity, you may pursue the business opportunity on the same terms and conditions as originally proposed and consistent with the other ethical guidelines set forth in this Code.

Confidential Information and Company Property

Employees have access to a variety of confidential information while employed at the Company. Confidential information includes all non-public information that might be of use to competitors, or, if disclosed, harmful to the Company or its customers. Every employee has a duty to respect and safeguard the confidentiality of the Company's information and the information of our suppliers and customers, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated. In addition, you must refrain from using any confidential information from any previous employment if, in doing so, you could reasonably be expected to breach your duty of confidentiality to your former employers. An employee's obligation to protect confidential information continues after he or she leaves the Company. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information could cause competitive harm to the Company or its customers and could result in legal liability to you and the Company.

Employees also have a duty to protect the Company's intellectual property and other business assets. The intellectual property, business systems and the security of the Company property are critical to the Company.

Any questions or concerns regarding whether disclosure of Company information is legally mandated should be promptly referred to the Compliance Officer.

Safeguarding Confidential Information and Company Property

Care must be taken to safeguard and protect confidential information and Company property. Accordingly, the following measures should be adhered to:

- The Company's employees should conduct their business and social activities so as not to risk inadvertent disclosure of confidential information. For example, when not in use, confidential information should be secretly stored. Also, review of confidential documents or discussion of confidential subjects in public places (e.g., airplanes, trains, taxis, buses, etc.) should be conducted so as to prevent overhearing or other access by unauthorized persons.
 - Within the Company's offices, confidential matters should not be discussed within hearing range of visitors or others not working on such matters.
 - Confidential matters should not be discussed with other employees not working on such matters or with friends or relatives including those living in the same household as a Company employee.
 - The Company's employees are only to access, use, and disclose confidential information that is necessary for them to have in the course of performing their duties. They are not to disclose confidential information to other employees or contractors at the Company unless it is necessary for those employees or contractors to have such confidential information in the course of their duties.
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- The Company's files, personal computers, networks, software, internet access, internet browser programs, emails, voice mails, and other business equipment (e.g. desks and cabinets) and resources are provided for business use and they are the exclusive property of the Company. Misuse of such Company property is not tolerated.

COMPETITION AND FAIR DEALING

All employees are obligated to deal fairly with fellow employees and with the Company's customers, suppliers and competitors. Employees should not take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair-dealing practice.

Relationships with Customers

Our business success depends upon our ability to foster lasting customer relationships. The Company is committed to dealing with customers fairly, honestly, and with integrity. Specifically, you should keep the following guidelines in mind when dealing with customers:

- Information we supply to customers should be accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge. Employees should not deliberately misrepresent information to customers.
- Employees should not refuse to sell, service, or maintain products the Company has produced simply because a customer is buying products from another supplier.
- Customer entertainment should not exceed reasonable and customary business practice. Employees should not provide entertainment or other benefits that could be viewed as an inducement to or a reward for customer purchase decisions. Please see "Gifts and Entertainment" below for additional guidelines in this area.

Relationships with Suppliers

The Company deals fairly and honestly with its suppliers. This means that our relationships with suppliers are based on price, quality, service, and reputation, among other factors. Employees dealing with suppliers should carefully guard their objectivity. Specifically, no employee should accept or solicit any personal benefit from a supplier or potential supplier that might compromise, or appear to compromise, their objective assessment of the supplier's products and prices. Employees can give or accept promotional items of nominal value or moderately scaled entertainment within the limits of responsible and customary business practice. Please see "Gifts and Entertainment" below for additional guidelines in this area.

Relationships with Competitors

The Company is committed to free and open competition in the marketplace. Employees should avoid actions that would be contrary to laws governing competitive practices in the marketplace, including antitrust laws. Such actions include misappropriation and/or misuse of a competitor's confidential information or making false statements about the competitor's business and business practices.

PROTECTION AND USE OF COMPANY ASSETS

Employees should protect the Company's assets and ensure their efficient use for legitimate business purposes only. Theft, carelessness and waste have a direct impact on the Company's profitability. The use of Company funds or assets, whether or not for personal gain, for any unlawful or improper purpose is prohibited.

To ensure the protection and proper use of the Company's assets, each employee should:

- exercise reasonable care to prevent theft, damage or misuse of Company property;
 - report the actual or suspected theft, damage or misuse of Company property to a supervisor;
 - use the Company's telephone system, other electronic communication services, written materials and other property primarily for business-related purposes;
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- safeguard all electronic programs, data, communications and written materials from inadvertent access by others; and
- use Company property only for legitimate business purposes, as authorized in connection with your job responsibilities.

Employees should be aware that Company property includes all data and communications transmitted or received to or by, or contained in, the Company's electronic or telephonic systems. Company property also includes all written communications. Employees and other users of Company property should have no expectation of privacy with respect to these communications and data. To the extent permitted by law, the Company has the ability, and reserves the right, to monitor all electronic and telephonic communication. These communications may also be subject to disclosure to law enforcement or government officials.

GIFTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The giving and receiving of gifts is a common business practice. Appropriate business gifts and entertainment are welcome courtesies designed to build relationships and understanding among business partners. However, gifts and entertainment should not compromise, or appear to compromise, your ability to make objective and fair business decisions.

It is your responsibility to use good judgment in this area. As a general rule, you may give or receive gifts or entertainment to or from customers or suppliers only if the gift or entertainment would not be viewed as an inducement to or reward for any particular business decision. All gifts and entertainment expenses should be properly accounted for on expense reports. The following specific examples may be helpful:

- Meals and Entertainment. You may occasionally accept or give meals, refreshments or other entertainment if:
 - The items are of reasonable value;
 - The purpose of the meeting or attendance at the event is business related; and
 - The expenses would be paid by the Company as a reasonable business expense if not paid for by another party.

Entertainment of reasonable value may include food and tickets for sporting and cultural events if they are generally offered to other customers, suppliers or vendors.

- Advertising and Promotional Materials. You may occasionally accept or give advertising or promotional materials of nominal value.
- Personal Gifts. You may accept or give personal gifts of reasonable value that are related to recognized special occasions such as a graduation, promotion, new job, wedding, retirement or a holiday. A gift is also acceptable if it is based on a family or personal relationship and unrelated to the business involved between the individuals.
- Gifts Rewarding Service or Accomplishment. You may accept a gift from a civic, charitable or religious organization specifically related to your service or accomplishment.

You must be particularly careful that gifts and entertainment are not construed as bribes, kickbacks, or other improper payments. See "The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act" below for a more detailed discussion of our policies regarding giving or receiving gifts related to business transactions.

You should make every effort to refuse or return a gift that is beyond these permissible guidelines. If it would be inappropriate to refuse a gift or you are unable to return a gift, you should promptly report the gift to your supervisor. Your supervisor will bring the gift to the attention of the Compliance Officer, who may require you to donate the gift to an appropriate community organization. If you have any questions about whether it is permissible to accept a gift or something else of value, contact your supervisor or the Compliance Officer for additional guidance.

COMPANY RECORDS

Accurate and reliable records are crucial to our business. Our records are the basis of our earnings statements, financial reports and other disclosures to the public and guide our business decision-making and strategic planning. Company records include booking information, payroll, timecards, travel and expense reports, e-mails, accounting and financial data, measurement and performance records, electronic data files and all other records maintained in the ordinary course of our business.

All Company records must be complete, accurate and reliable in all material respects. Undisclosed or unrecorded funds, payments or receipts are inconsistent with our business practices and are prohibited. You are responsible for understanding and complying with our record keeping policy. Ask your supervisor if you have any questions.

ACCURACY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

As a public company we are subject to various securities laws, regulations and reporting obligations. These laws, regulations and obligations and our policies require the disclosure of accurate and complete information regarding the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Inaccurate, incomplete or untimely reporting will not be tolerated and can severely damage the Company and result in legal liability.

It is essential that the Company's financial records, including all filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") be accurate and timely. Accordingly, in addition to adhering to the conflict of interest policy and other policies and guidelines in this Code, the principal financial officers and other senior financial officers must take special care to exhibit integrity at all times and to instill this value within their organizations. In particular, these senior officers must ensure their conduct is honest and ethical that they abide by all public disclosure requirements by providing full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosures, and that they comply with all other applicable laws and regulations. These financial officers must also understand and strictly comply with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. and all standards, laws and regulations for accounting and financial reporting of transactions, estimates and forecasts.

In addition, U.S. federal securities law requires the Company to maintain proper internal books and records and to devise and maintain an adequate system of internal accounting controls. The SEC has supplemented the statutory requirements by adopting rules that prohibit (1) any person from falsifying records or accounts subject to the above requirements and (2) officers or directors from making any materially false, misleading, or incomplete statement to an accountant in connection with an audit or any filing with the SEC. These provisions reflect the SEC's intent to discourage officers, directors, and other persons with access to the Company's books and records from taking action that might result in the communication of materially misleading financial information to the investing public.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Each employee has an obligation to comply with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Company's operations. These include, without limitation, laws covering bribery and kickbacks, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets, information privacy, insider trading, illegal political contributions, antitrust prohibitions, foreign corrupt practices, offering or receiving gratuities, environmental hazards, employment discrimination or harassment, occupational health and safety, false or misleading financial information or misuse of corporate assets. You are expected to understand and comply with all laws, rules and regulations that apply to your job position. If any doubt exists about whether a course of action is lawful, you should seek advice from your supervisor or the Compliance Officer.

COMPLIANCE WITH INSIDER TRADING LAWS

The Company has an insider trading policy, which may be obtained from the Compliance Officer. The following is a summary of some of the general principles relevant to insider trading, and should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned specific policy.

Company employees are prohibited from trading in shares or other securities of the Company while in possession of material, nonpublic information about the Company. In addition, Company employees are prohibited from recommending, “tipping” or suggesting that anyone else buy or sell shares or other securities of the Company on the basis of material, nonpublic information. Company employees who obtain material nonpublic information about another company in the course of their employment are prohibited from trading in shares or securities of the other company while in possession of such information or “tipping” others to trade on the basis of such information. Violation of insider trading laws can result in severe fines and criminal penalties, as well as disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including termination of employment.

Information is “non-public” if it has not been made generally available to the public by means of a press release or other means of widespread distribution. Information is “material” if a reasonable investor would consider it important in a decision to buy, hold or sell stock or other securities. As a rule of thumb, any information that would affect the value of stock or other securities should be considered material. Examples of information that is generally considered “material” include:

- Financial results or forecasts, or any information that indicates the Company’s financial results may exceed or fall short of forecasts or expectations;
- Important new products or services;
- Pending or contemplated acquisitions or dispositions, including mergers, tender offers or joint venture proposals;
- Possible management changes or changes of control;
- Pending or contemplated public or private sales of debt or equity securities;
- Acquisition or loss of a significant customer or contract;
- Significant write-offs;
- Initiation or settlement of significant litigation; and
- Changes in the Company’s auditors or a notification from its auditors that the Company may no longer rely on the auditor’s report.

The laws against insider trading are specific and complex. Any questions about information you may possess or about any dealings you have had in the Company’s securities should be promptly brought to the attention of the Compliance Officer.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PREVENTION OF SELECTIVE DISCLOSURE

Public Communications Generally

The Company places a high value on its credibility and reputation in the community. What is written or said about the Company in the news media and investment community directly impacts our reputation, positively or negatively. Our policy is to provide timely, accurate and complete information in response to public requests (media, analysts, etc.), consistent with our obligations to maintain the confidentiality of competitive and proprietary information and to prevent selective disclosure of market-sensitive financial data. To ensure compliance with this policy, all news media or other public requests for information regarding the Company should be directed to the Company’s Investor Relations Department. The Investor Relations Department will work with you and the appropriate personnel to evaluate and coordinate a response to the request.

Prevention of Selective Disclosure

Preventing selective disclosure is necessary to comply with United States securities laws and to preserve the reputation and integrity of the Company as well as that of all persons affiliated with it. “Selective disclosure” occurs when any person provides potentially market-moving information to selected persons before the news is available to the investing public generally. Selective disclosure is a crime under United States law and the penalties for violating the law are severe.

The following guidelines have been established to avoid improper selective disclosure. Every employee is required to follow these procedures:

- All contact by the Company with investment analysts, the press and/or members of the media shall be made through the chief executive officer, chief financial officer or persons designated by them (collectively, the “Media Contacts”).
- Other than the Media Contacts, no officer, director or employee shall provide any information regarding the Company or its business to any investment analyst or member of the press or media.
- All inquiries from third parties, such as industry analysts or members of the media, about the Company or its business should be directed to a Media Contact. All presentations to the investment community regarding the Company will be made by us under the direction of a Media Contact.
- Other than the Media Contacts, any employee who is asked a question regarding the Company or its business by a member of the press or media shall respond with “No comment” and forward the inquiry to a Media Contact.

These procedures do not apply to the routine process of making previously released information regarding the Company available upon inquiries made by investors, investment analysts and members of the media.

Please contact the Compliance Officer if you have any questions about the scope or application of the Company’s policies regarding selective disclosure.

THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the “FCPA”) prohibits the Company and its employees and agents from offering or giving money or any other item of value to win or retain business or to influence any act or decision of any governmental official, political party, candidate for political office or official of a public international organization. Stated more concisely, the FCPA prohibits the payment of bribes, kickbacks or other inducements to foreign officials. This prohibition also extends to payments to a sales representative or agent if there is reason to believe that the payment will be used indirectly for a prohibited payment to foreign officials. Violation of the FCPA is a crime that can result in severe fines and criminal penalties, as well as disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including termination of employment.

Certain small facilitation payments to foreign officials may be permissible under the FCPA if customary in the country or locality and intended to secure routine governmental action. Governmental action is “routine” if it is ordinarily and commonly performed by a foreign official and does not involve the exercise of discretion. For instance, “routine” functions would include setting up a telephone line or expediting a shipment through customs. To ensure legal compliance, all facilitation payments must receive prior written approval from the Compliance Officer and must be clearly and accurately reported as a business expense.

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Company is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment for its employees and to avoiding adverse impact and injury to the environment and the communities in which we do business. Company employees must comply with all applicable environmental, health and safety laws, regulations and Company standards. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with the laws, regulations and policies that are relevant to your job. Failure to comply with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations can result in civil and criminal liability against you and the Company, as well as disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including termination of employment. You should contact the Compliance Officer if you have any questions about the laws, regulations and policies that apply to you.

Environment

All Company employees should strive to conserve resources and reduce waste and emissions through recycling and other energy conservation measures. You have a responsibility to promptly report any known or suspected violations of environmental laws or any events that may result in a discharge or emission of hazardous materials. Employees whose jobs involve manufacturing have a special responsibility to safeguard the environment. Such employees should be particularly alert to the storage, disposal and transportation of waste, and handling of toxic materials and emissions into the land, water or air.

Health and Safety

The Company is committed not only to complying with all relevant health and safety laws, but also to conducting business in a manner that protects the safety of its employees. All employees are required to comply with all applicable health and safety laws, regulations and policies relevant to their jobs. If you have a concern about unsafe conditions or tasks that present a risk of injury to you, please report these concerns immediately to your supervisor or the Human Resources Department.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

The Company pursues fair employment practices in every aspect of its business. The following is intended to be a summary of our employment policies and procedures. Copies of our detailed policies are available from the Human Resources Department. Company employees must comply with all applicable labor and employment laws, including anti-discrimination laws and laws related to freedom of association, privacy and collective bargaining. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with the laws, regulations and policies that are relevant to your job. Failure to comply with labor and employment laws can result in civil and criminal liability against you and the Company, as well as disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including termination of employment. You should contact the Compliance Officer or the Human Resources Department if you have any questions about the laws, regulations and policies that apply to you.

Harassment and Discrimination

The Company is committed to providing equal opportunity and fair treatment to all individuals on the basis of merit, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status or other characteristic protected by law. The Company prohibits harassment in any form, whether physical or verbal and whether committed by supervisors, non-supervisory personnel or non-employees. Harassment may include, but is not limited to, offensive sexual flirtations, unwanted sexual advances or propositions, verbal abuse, sexually or racially degrading words, or the display in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures.

If you have any complaints about discrimination or harassment, report such conduct to your supervisor or the Human Resources Department. All complaints will be treated with sensitivity and discretion. Your supervisor, the Human Resources Department and the Company will protect your confidentiality to the extent possible, consistent with law and the Company's need to investigate your concern. Where our investigation uncovers harassment or discrimination, we will take prompt corrective action, which may include disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including, termination of employment. The Company strictly prohibits retaliation against an employee who, in good faith, files a complaint.

Any member of management who has reason to believe that an employee has been the victim of harassment or discrimination or who receives a report of alleged harassment or discrimination is required to report it to the Human Resources Department immediately.

CONCLUSION

This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics contains general guidelines for conducting the business of the Company consistent with the highest standards of business ethics. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact your supervisor or the Compliance Officer. We expect all Company employees to adhere to these standards.

This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as applied to the Company's principal financial officers, shall be the Company's "code of ethics" within the meaning of Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

This Code and the matters contained herein are neither a contract of employment nor a guarantee of continuing Company policy. We reserve the right to amend, supplement or discontinue this Code and the matters addressed herein, without prior notice, at any time.



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RE: Legal Opinions on Certain PRC Law Matters

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We are qualified lawyers of the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") and as such are qualified to issue this opinion (the "**Opinion**") in respect of the PRC Laws (as defined below), effective as of the date hereof. For the purpose of this Opinion, the PRC herein excludes the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macau Special Administrative Region, and Taiwan.

We have acted as the PRC legal advisors for CN ENERGY GROUP. INC. (the "**Company**"), a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, solely in connection with (a) the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1, including all amendments and supplements thereto (the "**Registration Statement**"), filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") under the U.S. Securities Act of 1993 (as amended); (b) the Company's proposed initial public offering (the "**Offering**") by the Company of ordinary shares, no par value (the "**Shares**"); and (c) the proposed listing and trading of the Shares on NYSE American/Nasdaq Capital Market.

We have been requested to give this Opinion on certain legal matters set forth herein. Capitalized terms used in this Opinion and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Registration Statement.

I. Documents and Assumptions

In this capacity, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the due diligence documents provided by the Company and the PRC Entities (as defined below), and such other documents, corporate records, certificates, and Governmental Authorizations (as defined below) issued by officers of the Company and Government Agencies (as defined below) in the PRC, and other instruments as we have considered necessary or advisable for the purpose of rendering this Opinion (collectively, the “**Documents**”).

For the purpose of this Opinion, our “knowledge” (or any similar concept) with respect to any matter means (a) the actual knowledge regarding such matter of the particular attorneys who are presently employees or partners of GFE Law Office and who have represented the Company; and (b) that we make no representation that we have undertaken any review of our files or other independent investigation with respect to any such matter.

In our examination of the Documents, we have assumed, without independent investigation and inquiry, the following assumptions (the “**Assumptions**”) that:

1. all Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic and all Documents submitted to us as copies conform to their originals and such originals are authentic;
2. all Documents have been validly authorized, executed and delivered by all the relevant parties thereto, other than the PRC Entities and all natural persons who have the necessary legal capacity;
3. all signatures, seals and chops on the Documents submitted to us are genuine;
4. all Documents and the factual statements provided to us by the Company and the PRC Entities, including but not limited to those set forth in the Documents, are complete, true and correct;
5. no amendments, revisions, modifications or other changes have been made with respect to any of the Documents after they were submitted to us for the purposes of this Opinion;
6. each of the parties to the Documents, other than the PRC Entities, is duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization and/or incorporation;
7. each of the parties to the Documents, other than the PRC Entities, has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Documents to which it is a party in accordance with the laws of its jurisdiction of organization or incorporation;

8. all Governmental Authorizations (as defined below) and other official statement or documentations provided to us are obtained from the competent Government Agencies by lawful means in due course;
9. all Documents are legal, valid, binding and enforceable under all such laws as govern or relate to them other than PRC Laws (as defined below); and
10. all required consents, licenses, permits, approvals, exemptions or authorizations required of or by, and any required registrations or filings with, any governmental authority or regulatory body of any jurisdiction other than of the PRC in connection with the transactions contemplated under the Registration Statement have been obtained or made, or where such required consents, license, permits, approvals, exemptions or authorizations have not been obtained or made as of the date hereof, no circumstance will cause or result in any failure for the same to be obtained or made.

II. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms in this Opinion shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

“AIC Files”	means the official documents submitted by a Chinese company to its local administration of industry and commerce in connection with its establishment and any changes of the company as required by the Company Law of the PRC;
“CSRC”	means the China Securities Regulatory Commission;
“Government Agency” or “Government Agencies”	means any competent national, provincial, municipal or local government authorities, courts, arbitration commissions, or regulatory bodies of the PRC having jurisdiction over the PRC Entities (as defined below) in the PRC;
“Governmental Authorization”	means any approval, consent, permit, authorization, filing, registration, exemption, waiver, endorsement, annual inspection, qualification and license required by the applicable PRC Laws (as defined below) to be obtained from any Government Agencies;
“MOFCOM”	means the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC;
“M&A Rules”	means the <i>Regulation on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors</i> , jointly adopted by MOFCOM, CSRC, the State Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, the State Administration of Taxation, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on August 8, 2006, which became effective on September 8, 2006, and was amended on June 22, 2009;
“PRC Entities”	means WFOEs (as defined below) and their subsidiaries, collectively as listed in <u>Schedule I</u> , each of which is a limited liability company incorporated under the PRC Laws (as defined below);
“PRC Laws”	means any and all laws, regulations, statutes, rules, decrees, notices, and the Supreme Court’s judicial interpretations currently in effect and publicly available in the PRC as of the date hereof;
“WFOE” or “WFOEs”	means the wholly foreign owned enterprises indirectly controlled by the Company in the PRC, including Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd. and Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd.

III. Opinions

Based on our review of the Documents, and the statements and confirmations made by the Company and the PRC Entities, subject to the Assumptions and the Qualifications, as of the date hereof, we are of the opinion that:

1. *Incorporation and Existence.* Based on our review of the business license, the AIC Files, and our search record of, and/or the confirmation issued by, the competent local authority in the PRC, each of the PRC Entities has been duly organized in accordance with the PRC Laws and validly exists as a company with limited liability, with full legal person status and limited liability under the applicable PRC Laws.
2. *Corporate Structure.* Based on our review of the AIC Files and information provided by the Company, the descriptions of the corporate structure of the Company in relation to the PRC Entities set forth under caption “*Business—Corporate History and Structure*” in the Registration Statement are true and accurate. The ownership structure of the PRC Entities as set forth in Schedule I, currently and immediately after giving effect to this Offering, is in compliance with existing PRC Laws.

3. *Taxation.* The statements set forth under the caption “*Taxation—People’s Republic of China Taxation*” in the Registration Statement insofar as they constitute statement of PRC tax laws, are accurate in all material respects and that such statements constitute our opinion. We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than PRC tax laws.
4. *M&A Rules.* Pursuant to the M&A Rules, an offshore special purpose vehicle (“SPV”) formed for listing purposes and controlled directly or indirectly by PRC companies or individuals shall obtain the approval of the CSRC prior to the listing and trading of such SPV’s securities on an overseas stock exchange. We have advised the Company that neither approval of CSRC nor the one of MOFCOM is required for the listing and trading of the Company’s Shares on NYSE American/Nasdaq Capital Market in the context of this Offering, because (a) the Company is controlled by a non-PRC company owned by a non-Chinese citizen; (b) the Company established the WFOEs as foreign-invested enterprises by means of direct investment and not through merger or acquisition of the equity interest or assets of “PRC domestic enterprises” as defined under the M&A Rules; and (c) no explicit provisions in the M&A Rules clearly classifies the acquisition of Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd., a PRC domestic company, by the Company’s wholly indirectly owned subsidiary CN Energy Industrial Development Co., Ltd., also a PRC domestic company, as a type of transactions falling under the M&A Rules. However, there are uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of the PRC Laws, and there can be no assurance that the Government Agencies will ultimately take a view that is not contrary to our opinion stated above.
5. *Enforceability of Civil Liabilities.* The statements as to the PRC Laws set forth in the Registration Statement under the caption “*Enforceability of Civil Liabilities*” are fair and accurate summaries of the matters described therein, and nothing has been omitted from such summaries that would make the same misleading in any material respect. We have advised the Company that the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are provided for under the PRC Civil Procedure Law. The PRC courts may recognize and enforce foreign judgments in accordance with the requirements of the PRC Civil Procedure Law based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or in reciprocity between jurisdictions. China does not have any treaties or other form of reciprocal arrangements with the British Virgin Islands or the United States that provide for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. We have further advised that under the PRC Laws, the PRC courts will not enforce a foreign judgment against the Company or its officers and directors if the court decides that such judgment violates the basic principles of PRC Laws or national sovereignty, security or social public interest. As a result, it is uncertain whether and on what basis a PRC court would enforce a judgment rendered by a court in the British Virgin Islands or the United States.

6. *True Statements.* The statements set forth in the Registration Statement relating to the PRC Laws or that are descriptions of agreements or instruments governed by the PRC Laws under the captions “*Prospectus Summary*,” “*Risk Factors*,” “*Dividend Policy*,” “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*,” “*Corporate History and Structure*,” “*Business*,” “*Regulations*,” “*Management*,” “*Related Party Transactions*,” “*Taxation*,” “*Enforceability of Civil Liabilities*,” and “*Legal Matters*” (other than the financial statements and related schedules and other financial data contained therein to which we express no opinion) are true and accurate in all material respects, and fairly present and summarize the information and matters referred to therein. Nothing has been omitted from such statements which would make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, misleading in any material respect.

IV. Qualifications

This Opinion is subject to the following qualifications (the “**Qualifications**”):

1. This Opinion relates only to the PRC Laws and we express no opinion as to any other laws or regulations than the PRC Laws. There is no guarantee that any of the PRC Laws, or the interpretation thereof or enforcement therefore, will not be changed, amended or replaced in the immediate future or in the longer term with or without retrospective effect.
2. This Opinion is intended to be used in the context which is specifically referred to herein and each paragraph should be looked at as a whole and no part should be extracted and referred to independently.

This Opinion is subject to the discretion of any competent PRC legislative, administrative or judicial bodies in exercising their authority in the PRC.

3. This Opinion is subject to the effects of (a) certain equitable, legal or statutory principles in affecting the enforceability of contractual rights generally under the concepts of public interest, national security, good faith and fair dealing, applicable statutes of limitation, and the limitations of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditor’s rights generally; (b) any circumstance in connection with the formulation, execution or performance of any legal document that will be deemed materially mistaken, clearly unconscionable or fraudulent; (c) judicial discretion with respect to the availability of injunctive relief, the calculation of damages, and any entitlement to attorneys’ fees and other costs; and (d) the discretion of any competent PRC legislative, administrative or judicial bodies in exercising their authority in connection with the interpretation, implementation and application of relevant PRC Laws.

This Opinion is rendered to the Company by us in our capacity as the Company's PRC legal advisors in connection with the Offering and, except as otherwise provided for herein, shall not be quoted nor shall a copy be given to any person (apart from the addressee) without our express prior written consent except where such disclosure is required to be made by the applicable law or is requested by the SEC or any other regulatory agencies.

We hereby consent to the use of this Opinion in, and the filing hereof as an exhibit to, the Registration Statement, and to the reference to our name under the captions "*Risk Factors*," "*Taxation*," "*Enforceability of Civil Liabilities*," and "*Legal Matters*" in such Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we fall within the category of the person whose consent is required under Section 7 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ GFE Law Office
GFE Law Office
Date: 07/02/2020

Attn.

Schedule

List of PRC Entities and Shareholding Information

No.	Name of the PRC Entity	Place & Date of Establishment	Shareholder(s)	Percentage of Equity Interest Owned
1	Zhejiang CN Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd. (浙江中北能源科技开发有限公司) (“Zhejiang CN Energy”)	Lishui January 14, 2019	Clean Energy Holdings Limited ¹	100%
2	Manzhouli CN Energy Industrial Co., Ltd. (满洲里市中北能实业有限公司) (“Manzhouli CN Energy”)	Manzhouli January 24, 2019	Clean Energy Holdings Limited	100%
3	Manzhouli CN Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (满洲里市中北能科技开发有限公司) (“Manzhouli CN Technology”)	Manzhouli June 10, 2019	Zhejiang CN Energy	10%
			Manzhouli CN Energy	90%
4	CN Energy Industrial Development Co., Ltd. (中北能源产业发展有限公司) (“CN Energy Development”)	Lishui April 18, 2019	Zhejiang CN Energy	30%
			Manzhouli CN Technology	70%
5	Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd. ² (大兴安岭富来森能源科技有限公司) (“Khingang Forasen”)	Daxing’anling March 5, 2009	CN Energy Development	100%
6	Hangzhou Forasen Technology Co., Ltd. (杭州富来森科技有限公司) (“Hangzhou Forasen”)	Hangzhou March 16, 2006	Khingang Forasen	100%
7	Manzhouli Zhongxing Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (满洲里市众兴能源科技有限公司) (“Zhongxing Energy”)	Manzhouli May 21, 2018	Khingang Forasen	100%

Notes:

- Clean Energy Holdings is a limited liability corporate established under the laws of Hong Kong and wholly owned by the Company;
- Khingang Forasen established a branch office, Greater Khingan Range Forasen Energy Technology Co., Ltd Tahe Biopower Plant, on July 6, 2009 in Daxing’anling, which is not a company with full legal person status under the PRC Laws.

September 27, 2019

CN ENERGY GROUP. INC.

FPI Center, Room A-901, No. 459 Qianmo Road
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People's Republic of China

Re: Consent of Frost & Sullivan (Beijing) Inc., Shanghai Branch Co.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We understand that CN ENERGY GROUP. INC. (the "**Company**") intends to file a draft registration statement (the "**Registration Statement**") with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") in connection with its proposed initial public offering (the "**Proposed IPO**").

We hereby consent to the references to our name and the inclusion of information, data and statements from our research reports and amendments thereto, including but not limited to the industry research report titled "The PRC Activated Carbon Manufacturing Market and Biomass Energy Market Independent Research" (the "**Report**"), and any subsequent amendments to the Report, as well as the citation of our research report and amendments thereto, (i) in the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto, (ii) in any written correspondences with the SEC, (iii) in any other future filings with the SEC by the Company, including, without limitation, filings on Form 20-F, Form 6-K or other SEC filings (collectively, the "**SEC Filings**"), (iv) on the websites of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, (v) in institutional and retail road shows and other activities in connection with the Proposed IPO, and in other publicity materials in connection with the Proposed IPO.

We further hereby consent to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto and as an exhibit to any other SEC Filings. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of

Frost & Sullivan (Beijing) Inc., Shanghai Branch Co.

/s/Yves Wang

Name: Yves Wang

Title: Managing Director, China

*The PRC Activated Carbon Manufacturing Market
and
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Scope

■ The project scope is defined as follows:

Research Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical Year: 2014-2018• Base Year: 2019• Forecast Year: 2020E-2024E
Geographic Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PRC
Industry Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activated Carbon Manufacturing Market• Biomass Energy Market

Limitations

■ Source of Information

- Interviews with industry experts and competitors will be conducted on a best-effort basis to collect information in aiding in-depth analysis for this report.
- Frost & Sullivan will not be responsible for any information gaps in the circumstances that Interviewees refused to disclose confidential data or figures.

- The point of this study is set in 2019. It took 2019 as the base year and 2020 to 2024 as the forecast period. However, in the case where data has not yet been updated or published on public sources at the point of this study, Frost & Sullivan would use the latest data available or make preliminary projections based on historical trends.



- Under circumstances where information was not available, Frost & Sullivan would use in-house modeling and simulation to arrive at an estimate.

- Sources of information are stated at the bottom on each page for reference.

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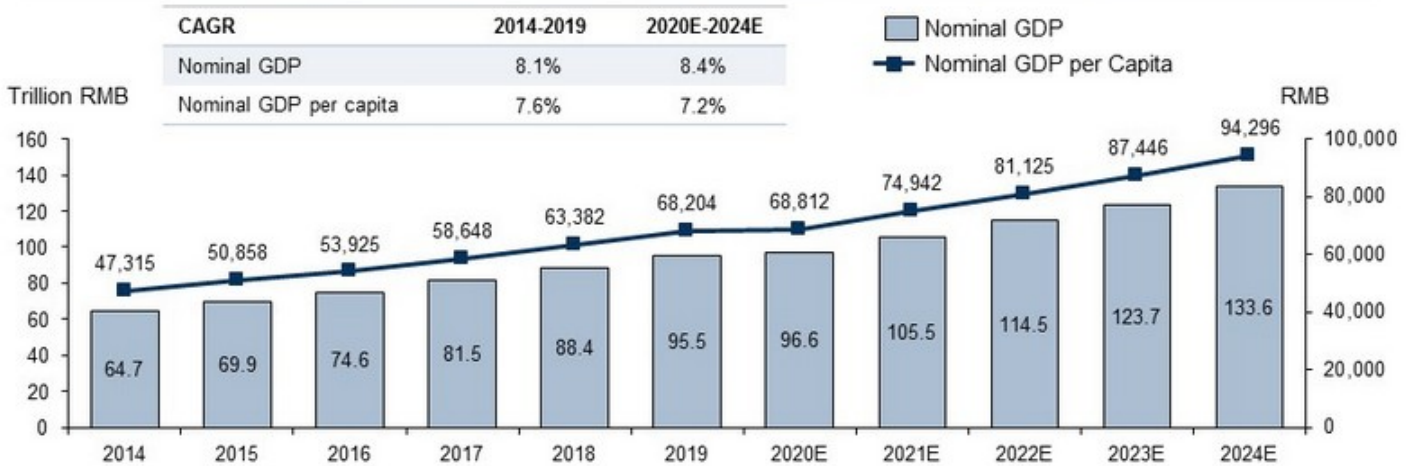
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Overview of Macroeconomic Environment in the PRC

Nominal GDP and Nominal GDP per Capita

Nominal GDP and Nominal GDP per Capita (the PRC), 2014-2024E



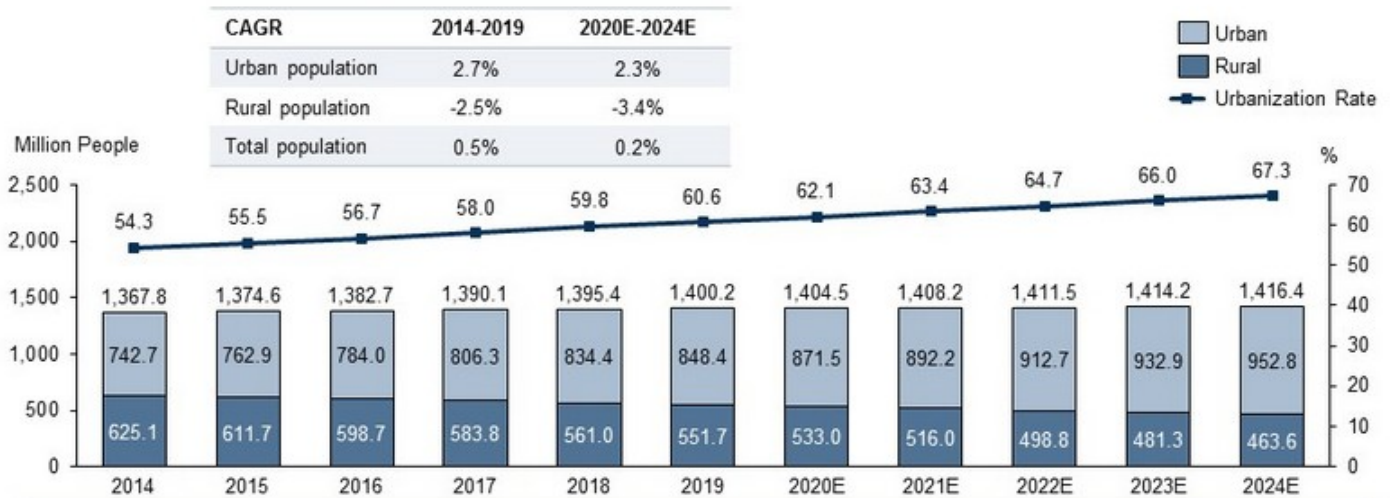
• According to the International Monetary Fund, during the past five years, total nominal Gross domestic product ("GDP") in the PRC rose from RMB64.7 trillion in 2014 to RMB95.5 trillion in 2019, representing a CAGR of approximately 8.1%. The remarkable growth was mainly due to the favorable government policies stimulating the development of the domestic economy. The outbreak of COVID-19 has hampered the growth of the domestic economy of the PRC in 2020. The economic growth of the PRC is expected to recover afterwards and increase with a CAGR of approximately 8.4% from 2020 to 2024. In line with the rapid growth of the nominal GDP, nominal GDP per capita in the PRC was RMB68,204 in 2019, representing a CAGR of 7.6% from 2014.

Source: International Monetary Fund, Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

Overview of Macroeconomic Environment in the PRC

Population and Urbanization Rate

Population and Urbanization Rate (the PRC), 2014-2024E



- According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, rapid economic growth in the PRC has supported the urbanization process from 2014 to 2019. The urban population rose from 742.7 million in 2014 to 848.4 million in 2019, with a CAGR of approximately 2.7%. The urbanization rate increased from 54.3% to 60.6% during the same period. With the issue of "The National Plan of New-type Urbanization (2014-2020)" 《国家新型城镇化规划（2014-2020年）》 in 2014, the urbanization is expected to rise further from 2020 to 2024.

Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Definition and Classifications

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- Activated carbon is a form of carbon with high absorption ability as it has undergone additional chemical processes. It is primarily manufactured from wood, bamboo, charcoal, and various kinds of fruit shells. The manufacturing process involves crushing, sieving, catalyst activating, rinsing, drying, and screening. It has the ability to perform selective adsorption in various situations in both gas and liquid, in order to achieve decolorization, disinfection, deodorization, decontamination, and purification.
- In recent years, with the continuous development of the economy and the consumption upgrade in the PRC, rising consumer awareness on the safety and purity of food, pharmaceuticals, and drinking water has increased the market demand for activated carbon products.



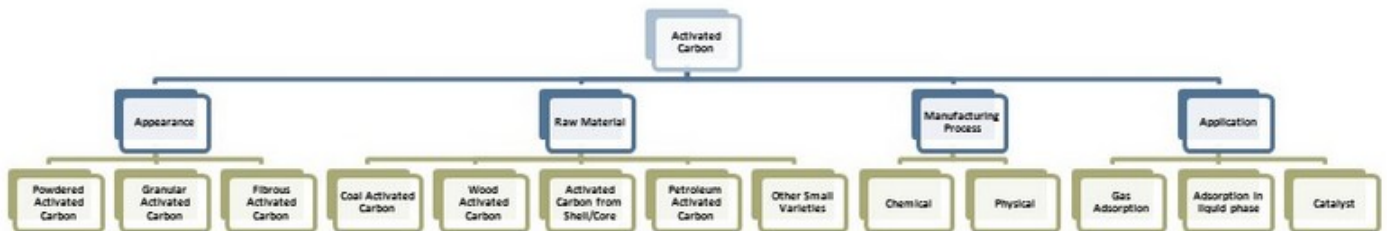
Source: Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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- Activated carbon products can be primarily classified by appearance, raw materials used, manufacturing processes, and applications.



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Overview of Wood-Based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Industry

Overview of Wood-Based Activated

- The wood-based activated carbon is a kind of activated carbon made from fuelwood, sawdust, wood block, and other wooden raw materials and processed by popular processes such as physical method, phosphoric acid method, and zinc chloride method. By comparison, coal-based activated carbon is a kind of activated carbon made from coal.
- **Advantages:** Since the raw materials of wood-based activated carbon are renewable and there is less emission of carbon dioxide in the production process, wood-based activated carbon is more environmentally friendly than coal-based activated carbon.
- The wood-based activated carbon manufacturing industry in the PRC has made remarkable achievements in the past century, especially in the past 20 years of industrial reformation and development. Manufacturing processes have developed from simple flat-plate furnace and smoldering furnace to more advanced production methods, such as rotary furnace, fluidized bed furnace, and other production processes.

Value chain of Activated Carbon Industry

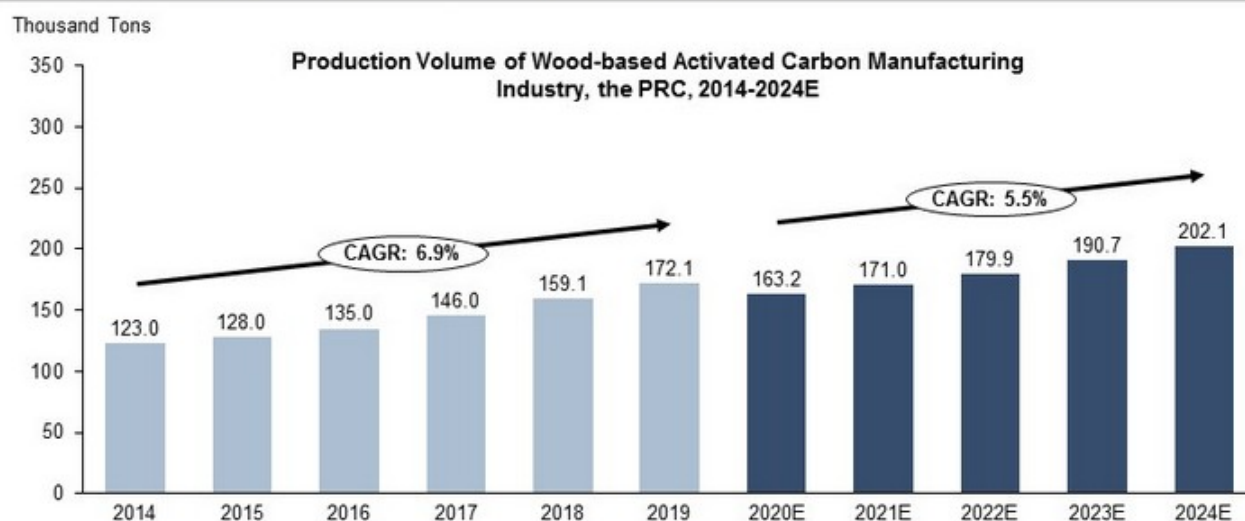


- The upstream suppliers of the activated carbon industrial supply chain are activated carbon raw material producers and suppliers, which include suppliers of forestry residues and packaging materials. The midstream suppliers of the supply chain are wood-based activated carbon manufacturers, whereas the downstream consumers are different industries that use activated carbon as raw materials, including the food industry, chemical industry, pharmaceutical industry and many others.

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Overview of Wood-Based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Industry



- Due to the rapid development of industrial technology, stricter environmental protection regulations, and increased attention to food safety, demand for wood-based activated carbon has increased in many industries, such as the food and beverage, pharmaceutical, metallurgy, environmental engineering, and automobile industries. The production volume of wood-based activated carbon products in the PRC has increased from 123.0 thousand tons in 2014 to 172.1 thousand tons in 2019, a compound annual growth rate ("CAGR") of 8.1% from 2014 to 2019. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak since late December 2019 and the implementation of governmental measures in response to such outbreak in the PRC, the production of wood-based activated carbon products in the PRC has slowed down in early 2020 and the production volume in 2020 is expected to decline in 2020. The production volume is expected start growing again in 2021 and is estimated to reach 202.1 thousand tons by 2024, representing a CAGR of 5.5% from 2020 to 2024.

Source: Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Related Policies and Regulations

- Wood-based activated carbon manufacturing industry is an industry supported by various policies such as preferential tax policies of the State.

Policies/Regulations	Issuing department	Issue Date	Details
Catalogue for Guiding Industry Restructuring (2011 edition) (2013 Amendment)	The State Development & Reform Commission	February 2013	Further processing and product development of forestry residues and sandy shrubs are encouraged.
The 12th Five-Year Plan for Circular Economy Development	The State Council	February 2012	All industries are encouraged to attach importance to the reuse of wastes generated in production and daily life.
Notice on Adjusting and Improving the Policy of Value Added Tax on Products and Labor Services for Comprehensive Utilization of Resources	The Ministry of Finance, The State Administration of Taxation	December 2009	Activated carbon produced from three kinds of agricultural and forestry residues, such as three kinds of residues, sub-small fuelwood and crop straw, which are sold by taxpayers, is levied and refunded 80% immediately by tax authorities.
Law of the People's Republic of China on Promoting Circular Economy	NPC Standing Committee	August 2008	The law is enacted to promote the development of circular economy, improve the efficiency of resource utilization, protect and improve the environment, and achieve sustainable development.
Notice on Publishing Preferential Catalogue of Enterprise Income Tax for Comprehensive Utilization of Resources (2008 Edition)	Ministry of Finance, The State Administration of Taxation	August 2008	Enterprises that use wood-based panels made of sawdust, bark and branches as raw materials to produce activated carbon enjoy preferential income tax according to relevant regulations.

Source: Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Outlook of the PRC Wood-based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Market

Rapid Growth Trend

Supported by the robust social and economic development in China, the downstream activated carbon industries continue to expand, especially in the fields of water treatment, air purification, automobile applications, solvent and waste gas recovery which provide a strong growth momentum to the wood-based activated carbon manufacturing market. In addition, with the improvement of people's living standards and the enhancement of environmental awareness in China, the demand for activated carbon in the food, pharmaceutical, water treatment, and air purification industries is expected to maintain a rapid growth trend.

Rising Awareness in Food Safety

Over the past decades, increasing number of food safety related incidents have caught the attention of the Chinese citizens. Because of the consumption upgrade and abundant food safety information available on the Internet, consumers in China are paying more attention to the issue of food safety, which leads rising demand for activated carbon as food and water filter and purifier by the food manufacturers. The rising standard of living and awareness of food safety in China, in particular in the Tier 1 and 2 cities, are expected to provide a strong growth momentum to the activated carbon industry, in particular wood-based activated carbon in China.

Fierce Competition

Because of an increase in the number of local and international activated carbon producers in China, increasingly fierce competition in the activated carbon manufacturing market in China has fostered industry reformation and optimization. More merger and acquisition activities are expected in the foreseeable future, as smaller and less competitive market players are eliminated whereas strong players that are able to produce activated carbon efficiently are more likely to gain market shares. As the development of activated carbon manufacturing technology in the PRC is slower compared to that in developed economies such as the U.S. and Japan, it is therefore expected that the manufacturers in China will also face fierce international competition which might hinder the development of the overall activated carbon manufacturing market in China in the coming years.

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Competitive Landscape and Entry Barrier of Wood-Based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Industry

As of 2019, the wood-based activated carbon manufacturing market in the PRC is highly competitive and fragmented; there are a few manufacturers with annual production capacity of more than 10,000 tons and the rest of industry players are relatively small-scale manufacturers with annual production capacity of thousands of tons or less. The major competitive factors of the manufacturers are price, production capacity, quality, and distribution channels. Wood-based activated carbon manufacturers are mainly located in Fujian, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, and Northeast China where forestry resources are in abundance.



High Capital Investment

As activated carbon manufacturing industry is considered a labor intensive, market entrants need to spend a large amount of capital to hire workers. On the other hand, it is necessary to invest a substantial amount of upfront capital and resources to purchase industrial machineries and raw material as well as to finance research and develop technologies. Therefore, the extensive amount of financial resources required to establish an activated carbon manufacturing business poses as an entry barrier for new market entrants.



Technologies and Talent Acquisition

Major activated carbon manufacturers possess advanced technologies and professionals with extensive scientific knowledge and market know-how, allowing these manufacturers to efficiently produce high quality products, develop new products, and respond to swift market movements. New market entrants may find it difficult to develop such level of facilities and technologies or hire professionals to establish their business in the market.



Supply of Raw Materials

The activated carbon industry is also resource-intensive. Main raw materials for activated carbon production are mostly carbon-rich, such as coal, wood, fruit shell, coconut shell, walnut shell, apricot shell, jujube shell. An adequate, stable, and high-quality supply of such raw materials is required to guarantee stable and continuing production of activated carbon. For example, to guarantee the supply of raw materials at a reasonable cost, wood-based activated carbon manufacturers must be close to areas with rich forest resources or near timber distribution or processing zones. Limited coal and forest resources in the PRC makes it hard for new entrants to establish a stable raw materials supply system suitable for long-term procurement.

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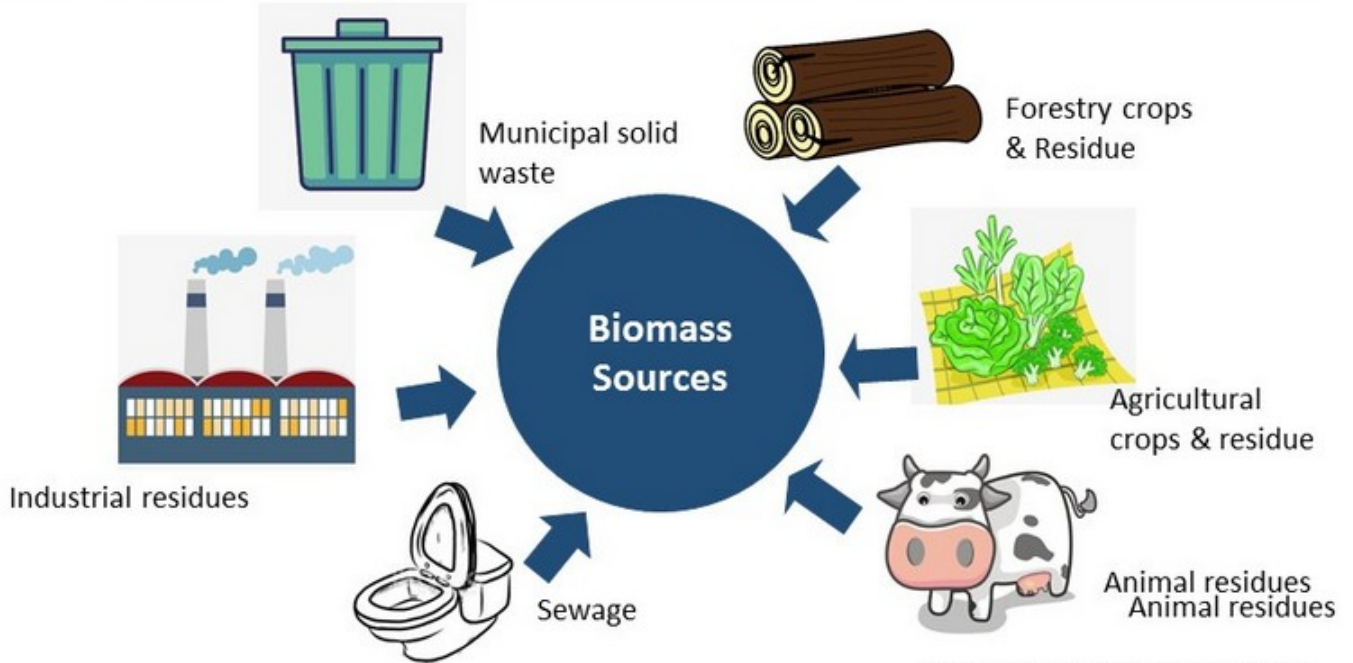
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Overview of Biomass Energy Market in the PRC

Classifications

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- The process of using organic waste that would otherwise be dumped in landfills or openly burned to generate electricity and heat is called biomass energy. Biomass in solid, liquid and gaseous form is not only used for electricity and heat generation, but also for the production of biofuels (transportation fuels).



Source: Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Types of Biomass Energy

Types

- Based on production processes, the technology of biomass can be mainly divided into four types, namely straw direct combustion power generation, biomass combined heat and power ("CHP"), biomass gasification power generation, and mixed fuel power generation.

Straw direct combustion power generation

Straw direct combustion power generation is a process of converting biomass energy into heat and electricity by directly firing straws through a special boiler. Currently, main raw materials for direct combustion power generation are agricultural and forestry biomass fuels, such as straw, forestry residues and other biomass fuels.

Biomass CHP

Biomass CHP refers to using biomass as fuel for power plants. In addition to power generation, biomass CHP technology is able to provide heat by recovering waste heat from the power generation system.

Biomass gasification power generation

Biomass gasification power generation is a process that converts agricultural and industry solid waste into a clean source of electricity by unlocking the energy in these materials. Using advanced thermal conversion technology that involves heat, and finely controlled oxygen supply, the biomass waste is transformed into hydrogen, carbon monoxide, methane and other inert gases producing electricity and heat without combustion or high carbon emissions commonly associated with more traditional sources of power.

Mixed fuel power generation

Mixed fuel power generation technology means co-firing power generation using biomass and coal using modified material-loading system and combustion system of current coal-fired power plant. Different from the sources of biomass, such as landfill gases, biogases, or solid waste in other countries, the sources of biomass in China are mainly agricultural wastes, thus imported biomass generators cannot directly be used for mixed fuel power generation in China.

Source: Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Advantages



Renewable

Biomass power is a renewable energy source that can be replenished after use. A lot of biomass fuels, such as wood and straw, can be regrown. As long as efforts are made to maintain the resources used for biomass energy through dedicated replanting, it is a fuel source that has the potential to far outlast traditional fossil fuels.



Carbon Neutrality

Biomass reduces the amount of carbon that is released into the atmosphere, easing the situation of climate change. The only carbon that is released into the atmosphere from biomass fuels is what was absorbed by the plants during their lifecycles. As these plants are replenished, the new ones absorb the same amount of carbon, which creates a carbon neutrality cycle that sees no extra carbon emission.



Less dependency on fossil fuels

The more biomass energy is used, the less we need to depend on the fossil fuels, which are major contributors to climate change and other environmental issues. The great abundance of biomass materials also far exceeds the amount of fossil fuels, making it a more readily available fuel source.



Versatility

Biomass energy is also amongst the most versatile fuels. It can be converted into many different forms of fuel sources, each of which has varied applications. For example, biomass can be processed to create biodiesel for vehicles, and it can also be used to farm methane gas and other biofuels. Moreover, wood can be used to generate heat, while the steam produced by some forms of biomass can also power turbines to create energy.

Source: Frost & Sullivan Database

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Market Size

Cumulative Biomass Power Generation Capacity in China, 2014-2024E



- Although biomass resources, such as firewood and agricultural residues, are abundant and have been a significant source of energy in China, particularly in rural areas, they are primarily used for conventional energy consumption such as cooking and heating. Biomass as a clean and low-cost source for electricity and heat based on modern biomass technologies is in urgent need of development, as reflected by the goal of installing a cumulative biomass power generation capacity (including power generation capacity of waste-to-energy projects) of 15,000 MW by 2020 for biomass power under the 13th Five-Year Plan for Biomass Energy promulgated by the National Energy Administration of China in October 2016. According to Frost & Sullivan, the total cumulative biomass power generation capacity reached 9,869 MW as of December 31, 2019.

Source: Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Drivers for Biomass Energy Industry Development

Favorable Policy Support

According to the Medium-Term and Long-Term Plan for Renewable Energy promulgated by the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC ("NDRC") in 2007, the PRC government set a goal to install a cumulative power generation capacity of 30.0 GW for biomass power by 2020. In order to encourage development of the biomass power industry, NDRC issued the Notice on Improving the Pricing Policy Regarding Electricity Generated from Agricultural Waste and Forestry Residue in July 2010, which set a uniform benchmark on-grid tariff of RMB0.75/kWh applicable to all biomass power projects. This is significantly higher than the on-grid tariff for conventional coal electricity, which ranges from RMB0.30/kWh to RMB0.50/kWh, according to Frost & Sullivan. Moreover, local governments have adopted specific policies to support the development of the biomass industry, including subsidies for biomass supply and reduced interest on project financing loans for biomass facilities. According to Frost & Sullivan, development of carbon emission market may provide an additional revenue source to the biomass industry in China in the future. Frost & Sullivan expects such favorable regulatory environment to continue in the future to support the biomass power industry to reach the capacity target.

Demand for air pollution control and reduction of greenhouse emissions

Air pollution has become a significant public health issue in China and has attracted close attention nationwide. Public awareness and demand for pollution control are particularly acute in regions with high population density and severe pollution, including eastern provinces such as Jiangsu Province, Shandong Province, and Anhui Province. As compared to incineration of biomass raw materials in open fields commonly done in rural China, which has a negative impact on air quality, controlled biomass combustion to produce electricity and heat is a low-emission way of using biomass raw materials. It also produces negligible amounts of sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions as compared with fossil fuels and is expected to play an important role in controlling air pollution in China.

Construction of rural power grid and development of rural areas

China's power grid companies have been increasing their investment in grid construction in rural areas during recent years, which may facilitate construction of biomass power plants which are typically located in those areas. In addition, building biomass power facilities could increase living standards, promote industrialization, and generate employment in rural areas. By purchasing agricultural and forestry residues, biomass power plants also provide an additional revenue source for farmers. According to Frost & Sullivan, due to these benefits, local governments that endeavor to improve the income of farmers are expected to continue supporting the construction of additional biomass facilities.

Source: National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC; Frost & Sullivan Inhouse Database

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Opportunities, Threats and Competitive Landscape of Biomass Power Industry

Opportunities

Rising Awareness of Biomass Energy.

With the limited resources of fossil fuels and negative environmental issues incurred, biomass energy has become increasingly important in the national energy mix. The PRC is the largest energy-consuming country all over the world. However, the supply of fossil fuel and natural gas is relatively insufficient. According to Frost & Sullivan, the per capita possession of fossil fuel and natural gas in the PRC is only 6% of the world average. Thus, there is a huge market potential for biomass energy industry to develop in order to fulfill the energy demand.



Immature Development of Biomass Power Industry Infrastructure.

Although a huge amount of unexplored biomass resources provides excellent market potential for biomass power industry, the geographic distribution of biomass fuels is scattered in the PRC. Some areas with abundant biomass resource, such as Yunnan province, currently do not have facilities to explore the biomass resources and logistics system to transport them, leading to a large amount of resources being undeveloped and wasted, and resulting in a low utilization rate.

Competitive Landscape

- Since 2010, underpinned by the urgency of environmental protection issues and improving profitability of biomass plants, the number of biomass projects has been increasing every year. The market has been dominated by two major biomass power companies focusing in southern and northern regions of China respectively. With the rapid development of the biomass power market in China, rising industry practitioners in the energy sector across China are entering the growing market and thus the market is considered to be increasingly fragmented.

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Entry Barriers



Capital Barriers

Biomass facilities normally require a large initial capital investment. According to Frost & Sullivan, to achieve an economical scale, a biomass power plant typically requires an initial investment of RMB300 million. In addition, most biomass projects are subject to a long payback period of more than 10 years. The application for subsidies for construction is also time-consuming. High initial capital investment requires industry participants to possess substantial capital and strong financing abilities.



Management Expertise

Management's in-depth expertise and experience in project selection, planning, financing, construction, testing and operation, as well as the ability to assure high levels of operational stability and efficiency and regulatory compliance, are essential to the success of a biomass project. In particular, the fuel price for a biomass power plant is relatively high due to the collection and transportation costs, and due to their smaller scale, biomass power units usually have lower power efficiency than coal-fired units. Therefore, despite high on-grid tariffs, the profitability of biomass power plants varies largely according to the ability of their operators to control supply prices and ensure operational efficiency. As a result, inexperienced players may have difficulties achieving profitability.



Biomass Supply

Stable supply of biomass raw materials is critical to the profitability of biomass facilities. As biomass resources are scattered in rural areas where the collection and transportation system are typically underdeveloped, it is costly to establish a supply system. Furthermore, the total output of biomass resources is limited in a given region, and the cost to transport biomass resources from other regions is high. Moreover, once a biomass facility is constructed, additional biomass facilities may not be constructed within a radius of 100km under the Notice on the Administration of the Construction of Biomass Energy Generation Projects promulgated by NDRC in August 2010. Therefore, the first mover in a particular region will likely prevent entry of other competitors.



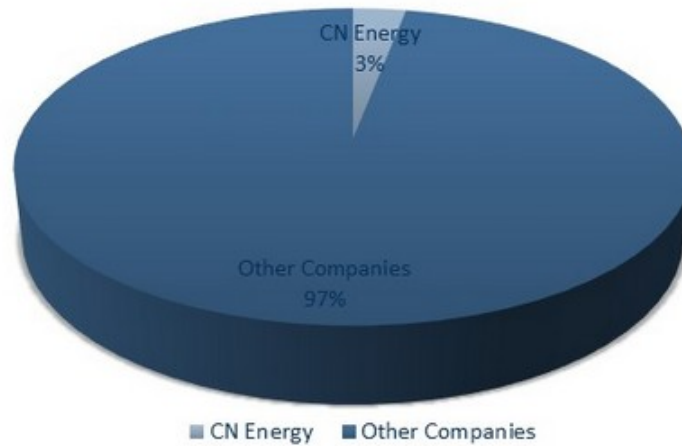
Technological Barriers

Equipment used in biomass facilities is highly specialized and technology-intensive, and is required to conform to strict standards in the power generation process. Biomass technology is in a developing stage in China, and Chinese biomass power companies still primarily rely on imported technology and equipment. Therefore, cooperation with domestic enterprises with strong research and development capability or with foreign equipment manufacturers is important to enter the market.

Competitive Landscape of Wood-based Activated carbon Manufacturing Industry in the PRC

CN Energy Group

Market Share of Production Volume of Wood-based Activated Carbon Manufacturing Industry, the PRC, 2019



- The Biomass Energy Market in the PRC is highly fragmented, comprising more than 5,000 small and medium enterprises and large enterprises principally engaging in the manufacture of different types of biomass. According to Frost & Sullivan, the production volume of wood-based activated carbon products in the PRC was 172.1 thousand tons in 2019. CN Energy Group is a leading wood-based activated carbon manufacturing company with 3% market share in this industry.

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Frost & Sullivan's Methodology

- Frost & Sullivan is an independent global consulting firm, which was founded in 1961 in New York. It offers industry research and market strategies and provides growth consulting and corporate training. Its industry coverage in global market includes automotive and transportation, chemicals, materials and food, commercial aviation, consumer products, energy and power systems, environment and building technologies, healthcare, industrial automation and electronics, industrial and machinery, and technology, media and telecom.
- This study has been undertaken through extensive primary and secondary research including interviews with industry experts and market participants, and analysis of official public sources of data, figures, information and reports as well as Frost & Sullivan's independent database and research reports.
- Projected market sizes in this report are estimated through in-depth analysis of the historical macro-economic factors such as the country's economic growth and per capita disposable income, market drivers, future trends and market concentration.
- Bottom-up and top-down methods are applied to cross check and fine tune the obtained figures to arrive at the closest estimate.
- Frost & Sullivan's report was compiled based on the below assumptions:
 1. Growth of economy in the PRC and other jurisdiction is assumed to maintain a steady growth over the forecast period;
 2. The social, economic, and political environment in the PRC and other jurisdiction is assumed to be stable during the forecast period;
 3. Additional market drivers.

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- **CAGR:** compound annual growth rate
- **GDP:** gross domestic product
- **Mainland China / the PRC:** the People's Republic of China
- **RMB:** Renminbi, the lawful currency in China
- **US\$:** United States dollar, the lawful currency in United States



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