SINOCOKING COAL & COKE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

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FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# SINOCOKING COAL AND COKE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

65-0420146 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement as determined by the Registrant.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

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 lit the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering."

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, please check the following box."

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box."

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed	Proposed		
		Maximum	Maximum		
	Amount	Offering	Aggregate	Amo	unt of
Title of each Class of Security being	being	Price Per	Offering	Regis	stration
Registered	Registered	Security	Price	Fee	
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per					
share(2)		(3)(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Preferred Stock, [\$0.001 par value per					
share] (2)		(3)(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)

Warrants (2)	(3)(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Debt securities	(3)(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Units	(3)(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Total (1)	\$120,000,000	100 % \$	120,000,000 (2)	\$13,752.00 (5)

- (1) This registration statement includes \$120,000,000 of securities which may be issued by the registrant from time to time in indeterminate amounts and at indeterminate times. Securities registered hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities registered hereunder.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- (3) Not required to be included in accordance with General Instruction II.D. of Form S-3 under the Securities Act.
- (4) Subject to footnote (1), there is also being registered hereunder such indeterminate amount of securities (including shares or other classes of the registrant's stock that may be issued upon reclassification of unissued, authorized stock of the registrant) as may be issued in exchange for or upon conversion of, as the case may be, the other securities registered hereunder. No separate consideration will be received for any securities registered hereunder that are issued in exchange for, or upon conversion of, as the case may be, such other securities.

### (5) Paid herewith.

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 that specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. WE MAY NOT SELL THESE 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 IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

**Prospectus** 

Subject to Completion, Dated December 5, 2011

#### SINOCOKING COAL AND COKE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

\$120,000,000 Common Stock Preferred Stock Debt Securities Warrants Units

We may offer and sell, from time to time in one or more offerings, any combination of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, or units having a maximum aggregate offering price of \$120,000,000. When we decide to sell a particular class or series of securities, we will provide specific terms of the offered securities in a prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. However, no prospectus supplement shall offer a security that is not registered and described in this prospectus at the time of its effectiveness. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as the documents incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus, carefully before you invest.

This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell our securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement relating to the offered securities.

Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SCOK." Each prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to our listing on The NASDAQ Capital Market or any other securities exchange of the securities covered by the prospectus supplement.

These securities may be sold directly by us, through dealers or agents designated from time to time, to or through underwriters or through a combination of these methods. See "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus. We may also describe the plan of distribution for any particular offering of our securities in a prospectus supplement. If any agents, underwriters or dealers are involved in the sale of any securities in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered, we will disclose their names and the nature of our arrangements with them in a prospectus supplement. The net proceeds we expect to receive from any such sale will also be included in a prospectus supplement.

Investing in our securities involves various risks. See "Risk Factors" on page 3 for more Information on these risks. Additional risks, if any, will be described in the prospectus supplement related to a potential offering under the heading "Risk Factors". You should review that section of the related prospectus supplement for a discussion of matters that investors in such securities should consider.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus

supplement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this Prospectus is

, 2011

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#### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer from time to time securities having a maximum aggregate offering price of \$120,000,000. Each time we offer securities, we will prepare and file with the SEC a prospectus supplement that describes the specific amounts, prices and terms of the securities we offer. The prospectus supplement also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or the documents incorporated herein by reference. You should read carefully both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described below under the caption "Where You Can Find More Information."

This prospectus does not contain all the information provided in the registration statement we filed with the SEC. For further information about us or our securities offered hereby, you should refer to that registration statement, which you can obtain from the SEC as described below under "Where You Can Find More Information."

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is not an offer to sell securities, and it is not soliciting an offer to buy securities, in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, as well as information we have previously filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the date of those documents only. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

We may sell securities through underwriters or dealers, through agents, directly to purchasers or through any combination of these methods. We and our agents reserve the sole right to accept or reject in whole or in part any proposed purchase of securities. The prospectus supplement, which we will prepare and file with the SEC each time we offer securities, will set forth the names of any underwriters, agents or others involved in the sale of securities, and any applicable fee, commission or discount arrangements with them. See "Plan of Distribution."

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, when used in this prospectus, the terms "SinoCoking Coal", "Company", "we", "us", and "our" refer to SinoCoking Coal and Coke Chemical Industries, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. "China" and the "PRC" refer to the People's Republic of China.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary, because it is a summary, may not contain all the information that may be important to you. This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about the Company that is not included in, or delivered with, this prospectus. Before making an investment, you should read the entire prospectus and any amendment carefully. You should also carefully read the risks of investing discussed under "Risk Factors" and the financial statements included in our other filings with the SEC, including in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-K/A, which we filed with the SEC on September 13 and 29, 2011, respectively, and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q which we filed with the SEC on November 9, 2011. This information is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you can obtain it from the SEC as described below under the headings "Where You Can Find Additional Information About Us" and "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference."

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in the prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings, excluding the exhibits to such filings which we have not specifically

incorporated by reference in such filings, at no cost, by writing us at the following address: SinoCoking Coal and Coke Chemical Industries, Inc., Kuanggong Road and Tiyu Road 10th Floor, Chengshi Xin Yong She, Tiyu Road, Xinhua District, Pingdingshan, Henan Province, China, 467000 and our telephone number is +86-3752882999.

#### The Offering

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell any combination of:

common stock;
 preferred stock;
 debt securities, in one or more series;
 warrants to purchase any of the securities listed above; and/or units consisting of one or more of the foregoing.

in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$120,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that specific offering and include a discussion of any risk factors or other special considerations that apply to those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information About Us."

#### Our Company

We are a vertically integrated coal and coke producer based in Henan Province, PRC. We use coal from both of our own mines and that of third-party mines to produce basic and value-added coal products such as thermal coal, washed metallurgical coal, and chemical and metallurgical coke for steel manufacturers, power generators, and various industrial users. We also produce and sell coal, including raw (unprocessed) and washed coal (which is coal that has been prepared for coking or thermal uses), medium coal and coal slurries (by-products of the coal-washing process), and coal tar (a by-product of the coke manufacturing process).

We are engaged in the coal energy business through our wholly owned subsidiary Top Favour Limited, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands ("Top Favour"), which is a holding company that, through its wholly owned subsidiary Pingdingshan Hongyuan Energy Science and Technology Development Co., Ltd. ("Hongyuan"), controls Henan Province Pingdingshan Hongli Coal & Coke Co., Ltd. ("Hongli"), a coal and coal-coke producer in Henan Province in the central region of the PRC. Hongli produces coke, coal, coal byproducts and electricity through its branch operation, Baofeng Coking Factory, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Baofeng Hongchang Coal Co., Ltd. and Baofeng Hongguang Environment Protection Electricity Generating Co., Ltd., which we refer to collectively as the "Baofeng Subsidiaries."

Hongyuan CSG is a joint-venture established in the PRC on April 28, 2011 by Henan Zhonghong Energy Investment Co., Ltd. ("Zhonghong") (49%) and Henan Coal Seam Gas (51%). Hongli's interests in the joint-venture are held by Zhonghong, a company established in December 2010 and which equity interests are presently held on Hongli's behalf and for its benefits by three nominees pursuant to share entrustment agreements. We intend to transfer all coal related operations from Hongli's subsidiaries to Hongyuan CSG, although such transfers have not been carried out as of the date of this prospectus.

We refer to Hongli and Baofeng Subsidiaries collectively as "Hongli Group." Top Favour controls Hongli Group through contractual arrangements with Hongli Group and its owners. These contractual arrangements provide for management and control rights, and in addition entitle Top Favour to receive the earnings and control the assets of Hongli Group. Other than the interests in these contractual arrangements, neither Top Favour nor Hongyuan has any

Edgar Filing: SINOCOKING COAL & COKE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INC. - Form S-3 equity interests in Hongli Group.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves risk. The prospectus supplement applicable to a particular offering of securities will contain a discussion of the risks applicable to an investment in SinoCoking Coal and to the particular types of securities that we are offering under that prospectus supplement. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described under "Risk Factors" in the applicable prospectus supplement and the risks described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, or any updates in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, together with all of the other information appearing in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, in light of your particular investment objectives and financial circumstances. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our securities could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities covered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include, but is not limited to, working capital, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures and acquisitions of new technologies or businesses. The precise amount, use and timing of the application of such proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other capital. Additional information on the use of net proceeds from an offering of securities covered by this prospectus may be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the specific offering.

#### RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

						THREE MONTHS
	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,				ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed						
Charges	4.3	23.4	24.6	128.5	10.4	9.4

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

The descriptions of the securities contained in this prospectus, together with any applicable prospectus supplement, summarize all the material terms and provisions of the various types of securities that we may offer. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering the specific terms of the securities offered by that prospectus supplement. We will indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement if the terms of the securities differ from the terms we have summarized below. We will also include in the prospectus supplement information, where applicable, material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities.

We may sell from time to time, in one or more offerings:

- shares of our common stock;
- shares of our preferred stock;
- debt securities, in one or more series;
- warrants to purchase any of the securities listed above; and/or
- units consisting of one or more of the foregoing.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Capital Stock

#### General

The following description of common stock and preferred stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the common stock and preferred stock that we may offer under this prospectus but is not complete. For the complete terms of our common stock and preferred stock, please refer to our articles of incorporation, as may be amended from time to time, any certificates of designation for our preferred stock, that may be authorized from time to time, and our bylaws, as amended from time to time. The Florida Business Corporation Act may also affect the terms of these securities. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any future common stock or preferred stock that we may offer, we will describe the specific terms of any series of these securities in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we so indicate in a prospectus supplement, the terms of any common stock or preferred stock we offer under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms we describe below.

As of December 5, 2011, our authorized capital stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of which approximately 21,087,645 shares are issued and outstanding. The authorized and unissued shares of common stock are available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless such action is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange on which our securities may be listed. Unless approval of our stockholders is so required, our board of directors will not seek stockholder approval for the issuance and sale of our common stock. Currently, we do not have any preferred stock authorized. In the event that we determine to issue preferred stock, we will take the appropriate steps and obtain the necessary approvals required under our articles of incorporation and The Florida Business Corporation Act to authorize preferred stock for issuance.

#### Common Stock

Each shareholder of our common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted upon by the shareholders. Our shares of common stock have no preemptive, conversion, or redemption rights. If we are liquidated, dissolved or wound up, the holders of common stock are entitled to share in proportion to the percentage of their ownership all assets remaining after payment of liabilities. All of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. Our articles of incorporation do not provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors. The holders of shares of our common stock will be entitled to such cash dividends as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors from funds available therefor.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SCOK." The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Interwest Stock Transfer, Inc.

#### Options/Warrants

As of September 30, 2011, we had outstanding options to purchase a total of 10,851 shares of our common stock, and outstanding warrants to purchase 3,906,853 shares of our common stock.

#### Preferred Stock

As of the date of this prospectus, we do not have any preferred stock authorized and outstanding. The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the preferred stock warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and any related warrant agreement and warrant certificate. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any preferred stock that we may offer, we will describe the specific terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our board of directors may not authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock, without approval by a majority of our stockholders. Once preferred stock is authorized, our board of directors may also divide the shares of preferred stock into series and fix and determine the relative rights and preferences of the preferred stock, such as the designation of series and the number of shares constituting such series, dividend rights, redemption and sinking fund provisions, liquidation and dissolution preferences, conversion or exchange rights and voting rights, if any. Issuance of preferred stock by our board of directors will result in such shares having dividend and/or liquidation preferences senior to the rights of the holders of our common stock and could dilute the voting rights of the holders of our common stock. Once designated by our board of directors, each series of preferred stock will have specific financial and other terms that will be described in a prospectus supplement. The description of the preferred stock that is set forth in any prospectus supplement is not complete without reference to the documents that govern the preferred stock. These include our articles of incorporation, as amended, and any certificates of designation that our Board of Directors may adopt. Prior to the issuance of shares of each series of preferred stock, the board of directors is required by the Florida Business Corporation Act and our articles of incorporation to adopt resolutions and file a certificate of designations with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The certificate of designations fixes for each class or series the designations, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions, including, but not limited to, some or all of the following:

• the number of shares constituting that series and the distinctive designation of that series, which number may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares then outstanding) from time to time by action of the board of directors:

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the dividend rate and the manner and frequency of payment of dividends on the shares of that series, whether dividends will be cumulative, and, if so, from which date;

- whether that series will have voting rights, in addition to any voting rights provided by law, and, if so, the terms of such voting rights;
- whether that series will have conversion privileges, and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion, including provision for adjustment of the conversion rate in such events as the board of directors may determine;

- whether or not the shares of that series will be redeemable, and, if so, the terms and conditions of such redemption;
- whether that series will have a sinking fund for the redemption or purchase of shares of that series, and, if so, the terms and amount of such sinking fund;
- whether or not the shares of the series will have priority over or be on a parity with or be junior to the shares of any other series or class in any respect;
- the rights of the shares of that series in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, and the relative rights or priority, if any, of payment of shares of that series; and
- any other relative rights, preferences and limitations of that series.

All shares of preferred stock offered hereby will, when issued, be fully paid and non-assessable, including shares of preferred stock issued upon the exercise of preferred stock warrants or subscription rights, if any.

Although our board of directors has no intention at the present time of doing so, it could authorize the issuance of a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of such series, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt.

#### Warrants

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and any related warrant agreement and warrant certificate. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the specific terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. Specific warrant agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement which includes this prospectus.

#### General

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we may issue under a separate agreement. We may enter into a warrant agreement with a warrant agent. Each warrant agent may be a bank that we select which has its principal office in the United States. We may also choose to act as our own warrant agent. We will indicate the name