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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Yang Xiang Dong

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/06/2008

China Natural Gas, Inc. [CHNG]

C/O ABAX GLOBAL CAPITAL

(HONG KONG) LTD., SUITE 6708, 67/F, TWO INT'L.

FINANCE CTR

(Street)

(State)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

8 FINANCE STREET. CENTRAL. K3Â SAR

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrants	(1)	(1)	Common Stock, par value \$ 0001	2,830,000	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	Warrants owned by Abax Lotus Ltd. (1) (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Yang Xiang Dong C/O ABAX GLOBAL CAPITAL (HONG KONG) LTD. SUITE 6708, 67/F, TWO INT'L. FINANCE CTR 8 FINANCE STREET, CENTRAL, K3Â SAR

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Signatures

/s/ Xiang Dong Yang 08/12/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Abax Lotus Ltd. owns seven year warrants to purchase 2,830,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001, of the Company at an initial exercise price equal to \$7.3652 per share, subject to adjustments as set forth in the warrant agreement. The warrants were issued on January 29, 2008 and are exercisable at any time until their expiration on January 28, 2015. Abax Lotus Ltd. also owns 5.0% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2014 in principal amount of RMB 283,000,000.
- (2) Mr. Yang may be deemed a controlling person of Abax Lotus Ltd.

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