China Natural Gas, Inc. Form 3 August 14, 2008 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement China Natural Gas, Inc. [CHNG] Yang Xiang Dong (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O ABAX GLOBAL CAPITAL (HONG KONG) LTD., Â SUITE 6708, 67/F, TWO INT'L. FINANCE CTR

(Street)

8 FINANCE STREET. CENTRAL. K3Â SAR

(City)	(State)	(Zip)
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 2. Amount of Securities 3. Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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(give title below) (specify below)

X Director

Officer

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

(Instr. 5)

10% Owner

Other

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrants	(<u>1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock, par value \$.0001	2,830,000	\$ <u>(1)</u>	Ι	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, K3 SAR	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures					

/s/ Xiang Dong Yang	08/12/2008		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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

- (1) 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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