

CHINA NORTH EAST PETROLEUM HOLDINGS LTD
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A
Amendment No. 2

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF EARLIEST REPORTED EVENT: February 22, 2010

CHINA NORTH EAST PETROLEUM HOLDINGS LIMITED
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 000-49846 (Commission File Number) | 87-0638750 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
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445 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022
(Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 307-3568
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

China North East Petroleum Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is filing this second amendment to Current Report on Form 8-K/A (the “Amendment No. 2”) in order to amend its previously filed Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 23, 2010 (the “Original 8-K”) and as amended on March 8, 2010 (the “Amendment No. 1”), in order to provide revised information on the quantitative impact of pending restatements of the Company’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 and for the six quarters ended March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008, September 30, 2008, March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009 due to certain non-cash errors as disclosed in the Original 8-K and Amendment No. 1.

Item 4.02. Non-Reliance on Previously Issued Financial Statements or a Related Audit Report or Completed Interim Review.

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A (this “Amendment No. 2”) updated the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 23, 2010 (the “Original 8-K”) and the 8-K/A filed on March 8, 2010 (the “Amendment No. 1”) On March 8, 2010, which reported that the Company’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, and each interim quarter within that year, and for the quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009 should no longer be relied upon as a result of certain non-cash errors contained therein regarding the accounting for: (i) warrants issued in conjunction with certain financings in 2008 and 2009, which warrants should have been classified according to EITF-0019 as liability instruments rather than equity instruments; (ii) the change in the fair value of those warrants from the date of issuance through the end of the reporting period; (iii) effective interest expense arising from amortization of the discount to the carrying value of the secured debenture; (iv) the recording of warrants issued to investment consultants in connection with the secured debenture as deferred financing costs instead of consulting fees; (v) the amount of amortization of deferred financing costs associated with the issuance of that secured debenture; (vi) amounts payable to a consultant included in accrued liabilities; (vii) compensation issued to employees in the form of stock; (viii) depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil producing properties; (ix) ceiling test reduction of the net carrying value of oil producing properties; and (x) restructuring of the secured debenture on March 5, 2009, treated as an extinguishment of debt.. Additional changes that result from these accounting changes include changes in the Company’s reported income tax expense and minority interests in certain of the restated reporting periods. The Company is preparing amended reports for the December 31, 2008 Form 10-K and 2008 and 2009 Forms 10-Q in question, including restated financial statements, and will file those amended reports with the SEC when they are completed.

This Amendment No. 2 is intended to provide updated additional information regarding the quantitative impact of these non-cash changes to the financial statements for the reporting periods in question. The summary tables below present the income statement impact of the various changes in each quarter on a stand-alone basis (rather than cumulative across quarters, except for the full-year 2008 data), detailed by the type of change noted above.

2008 Information

| | Three Months ended March 31, 2008 | Three Months ended June 30, 2008 | Three Months ended September 30, 2008 | Three Months ended December 31, 2008 | Year ended December 31, 2008 |
|---|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Net income (as previously reported): | 3,281,259 | 3,779,007 | 4,938,917 | 7,582,855 | 19,582,038 |
| Adjustments in Period: | | | | | |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil properties | -- | -- | -- | 2,437,086 | 2,437,086 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses, including employee stock-based compensation expense | -- | 7,736 | 733,696 | 106,294 | 847,726 |
| Professional fees | 112,939 | 26,740 | 26,740 | (77,286) | 89,133 |
| Consulting fees | (16,227) | 79,185 | (208,018) | 8,361 | (136,699) |
| | 2,000,697 | 15,044,528 | (18,191,606) | (3,317,810) | (4,464,191) |

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| Loss (Gain) on change in fair value of warrants | | | | | |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 55,299 | 146,500 | 144,803 | 137,771 | 484,373 |
| Amortization of discount on debenture | 208,978 | 536,935 | 529,061 | 496,434 | 1,771,408 |
| Impairment of oil properties | -- | -- | -- | 13,184,103 | 13,184,103 |
| Income tax expense | -- | -- | -- | (3,824,631) | (3,824,631) |
| Minority interests | -- | -- | -- | (1,326,695) | (1,326,695) |
| Total of adjustments in period | 2,361,686 | 15,841,624 | (16,965,324) | 7,823,627 | 9,061,613 |
| Net income (as adjusted) | 919,573 | (12,062,617) | 21,904,241 | (240,772) | 10,520,425 |

2009 Information

| | Three Months ended March 31, 2009 | Three Months ended June 30, 2009 | Three Months ended September 30, 2009 |
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| Net income (as previously reported): | 2,271,353 | 2,817,577 | 4,052,709 |
| Adjustments in Period: | | | |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil properties | 455,376 | (591,793) | (453,637) |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses, including employee stock- based compensation expense | 106,292 | 107,518 | 105,934 |
| Professional fees | 26,740 | (78,873) | 6,964 |
| Consulting fees | (60,274) | (26,026) | (53,067) |
| Loss (Gain) on change in fair value of warrants | (653,705) | 12,731,750 | (2,272,159) |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 70,368 | (74,140) | (74,139) |
| Amortization of discount on debenture | 177,789 | (509,355) | (513,415) |
| Impairment of oil properties | 13,825,567 | -- | -- |
| Income tax expense | (1,419,819) | (1,667,848) | (230,367) |
| Minority interests | 96,443 | 226,645 | 68,545 |
| Total of adjustments in period | 12,624,777 | 10,117,878 | (3,415,341) |
| Net income (as adjusted) | (10,353,424) | (7,300,301) | 7,468,050 |

The ceiling test charges (which resulted in a reduction in carrying value of oil and gas properties) were caused by several errors in the method used by the Company in the calculation. These errors included: a) a computational error which caused incorrect discounting of future estimated cash flows, and b) incorrect tax expense assumptions incorporated in the future estimated cash flow model used by our reserve engineers. Additionally, following the issuance of Amendment No. 1, the Company discovered that its independent reserve engineer had been utilizing an incorrectly low factor for the calculation of the Company's future projected lease operating expenses; when this was corrected the calculation resulted in a substantially reduced ceiling test value at December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, and a correspondingly greater ceiling test impairment figure for each of those periods. As a result of the ceiling test impairments and depreciation, depletion and amortization recognized at December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, the net carrying value of oil and gas properties was reduced on those dates from \$70,193,852 to \$54,326,410 and from \$67,671,268 to \$37,500,883, respectively. Warrant-related expenses changed from Amendment No. 1 because the Company elected to utilize the full contract term and associated risk-free rates and volatility measures when calculating the fair value of warrants, as opposed to the expected term values. This change generally resulted in larger charges to expense or income from changes in the fair value of warrants, as noted in the summary tables presented here as compared to those presented in Amendment No. 1. Additional detailed balance sheet effects, primarily affecting the Company's retained earnings and additional paid-in capital, will be provided in the forthcoming amended financial reports.

In conjunction with the forthcoming issuance of the amended financial reports, the Company will disclose a material weakness regarding its internal controls over financial reporting. The Company has engaged an external consultant with expertise in financial accounting and reporting, including specifically the additional reporting requirements affecting oil and gas producing companies, to assist with the Company's efforts to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting.

The audit committee of the Company's board of directors has discussed the forgoing matters with the Company's Chief Financial Officer and its current and former independent registered public accounting firms.

Statements in this report, including but not limited to those relating to the Company's or management's intentions, beliefs, expectations, hopes, projections, assessment of risks, estimations, plans or predictions for the future, including the impact of the restatement, timing of filings with the SEC and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations. Although the Company believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include delays and uncertainties that may be encountered in connection with the restatement, final audits and reviews by the Company and its auditors, and other risks described in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and its other filings with the SEC. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement and the Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHINA NORTH EAST PETROLEUM
HOLDINGS LIMITED

Date: April 20, 2010

By: /s/ Wang Hongjun
Wang Hongjun
President, Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer
