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(Mark One)

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

For the year ended September 30, 2012

or

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-33694

CD INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-3876100
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

431 Fairway Drive, Suite 200, Deerfield Beach, Florida
(Address of principal executive offices)

33441
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 363-7333

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share
(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
 Yes No

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

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State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was sold, or the average bid and asked prices of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter. \$37,900,000 on March 30, 2012.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date, there are 52,989,007 shares of common stock are issued and outstanding as of December 19, 2012.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

List hereunder the following documents if incorporated by reference and the Part of the Form 10-K (e.g., Part I, Part II, etc.) into which the document is incorporated: (1) Any annual report to security holders; (2) Any proxy or information statement; and (3) Any prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) or (c) under the Securities Act of 1933. The listed documents should be clearly described for identification purposes (e.g., annual report to security holders for fiscal year ended December 24, 1980). None.

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We used in this report "CD International", "we", "us" or "our" refers to CD International Enterprises, Inc., a Florida corporation, and our subsidiaries, "fiscal 2012" refers to the year ended September 30, 2012, "fiscal 2011" refers to the year ended September 30, 2011 and "fiscal 2013" refers to the year ending September 30, 2013. The information which appears on our web site at www.cdii.net is not part of this report.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information and Factors That May Affect Future Results

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Securities and Exchange Commission encourages companies to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand a company's future prospects and make informed investment decisions. This report and other written and oral statements that we make from time to time contain such forward-looking statements that set out anticipated results based on management's plans and assumptions regarding future events or performance. We have tried, wherever possible, to identify such statements by using words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe," "will" and similar expressions in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, future performance or results of current and anticipated sales efforts, expenses, the outcome of contingencies, such as legal proceedings, and financial results. A list of factors that could cause our actual results of operations and financial condition to differ materially is set forth below, and these factors are discussed in greater detail under Item 1A – "Risk Factors" of this report:

- Our ability to continue as a going concern.
- Continued global economic weakness is expected to reduce demand for our products in each of our segments.
- Fluctuations in the pricing and availability of magnesium and in levels of customer demand.
- Changes in the prices of magnesium and magnesium-related products.
- Our ability to implement our expansion plans for growing our business through increased magnesium production capacity and acquisitions and development of our commodity trading business.
- Fluctuations in the cost or availability of coke gas and coal.
- Loss of orders from any of our major customers.
- The value of the equity securities we accept as compensation is subject to adjustment which could result in losses to us in future periods.
- Our need for additional financing which we may not be able to obtain on acceptable terms, the dilutive effect additional capital raising efforts in future periods may have on our current shareholders and the increased interest expense in future periods related to additional debt financing.
- Adverse outcome of the bankruptcy of our subsidiary CDII Trading, Inc. ("CDII Trading").
- Our dependence on certain key personnel.
- Difficulties we have in establishing adequate management, cash, legal and financial controls in the PRC.
- Our ability to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting.
- The lack various legal protections in certain agreements to which we are a party and which are material to our operations which are customarily contained in similar contracts prepared in the United States.
- Potential impact of PRC regulations on our intercompany loans.
- Our ability to assure that related party transactions are fair to our company.
- The scope of our related party transactions and potential conflicts of interest arising from these transactions.
- The impact of a loss of our land use rights.
- Our ability to comply with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act which could subject us to penalties and other adverse consequences.
- Limits under the Investment Company Act of 1940 on the value of securities we can accept as payment for our business consulting services.
- Our acquisition efforts in future periods may be dilutive to our then current shareholders.
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Our inability to enforce our rights due to policies regarding the regulation of foreign investments in the PRC.

- The impact of environmental and safety regulations, which may increase our compliance costs and reduce our overall profitability.
- The effect of changes resulting from the political and economic policies of the Chinese government on our assets and operations located in the PRC.
- The impact of Chinese economic reform policies.
- The influence of the Chinese government over the manner in which our Chinese subsidiaries must conduct our business activities.
- The impact on future inflation in the PRC on economic activity in the PRC.
- The impact of any natural disasters and health epidemics in China.
- The impact of labor laws in the PRC may adversely affect our results of operations.
- The limitation on our ability to receive and use our revenues effectively as a result of restrictions on currency exchange in the PRC.
- Fluctuations in the value of the RMB may have a material adverse effect on your investment.
- The market price for shares of our common stock has been and may continue to be highly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations and the impact of penny stock rules on the liquidity of our common stock.

We caution that the factors described herein and other factors could cause our actual results of operations and financial condition to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements we make and that investors should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of such factors. Further, we cannot assess the impact of each such factor on our results of operations or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Index of Certain Defined Terms Used in this Report

We used in this report the terms:

- "CD International", "we", "us" or "our" refers to CD International Enterprises, Inc., a Florida corporation formerly known as China Direct Industries, Inc., and our subsidiaries;
- "CDI China", refers to CDI China, Inc., a Florida corporation, and a wholly owned subsidiary of CD International; and
- "PRC" refers to the People's Republic of China.

Magnesium Segment

- "Chang Magnesium", refers to Taiyuan Changxin Magnesium Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a 51% owned subsidiary of CDI China;
- "Chang Trading", refers to Taiyuan Changxin YiWei Trading Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a wholly owned subsidiary of Chang Magnesium;
- "Asia Magnesium", refers to Asia Magnesium Corporation Limited, a company organized under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of Capital One Resource;
- "Golden Magnesium" refers to Shanxi Gu County Golden Magnesium Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a 100% owned subsidiary of CDI China;
- "Baotou Changxin Magnesium", refers to Baotou Changxin Magnesium Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC, a 51% owned subsidiary of CDI China;
- "IMG" or "International Magnesium Group", refers to International Magnesium Group, Inc., a Florida corporation and a 100% owned subsidiary of CD International Industries;
- "IMTC" or "International Magnesium Trading", refers to International Magnesium Trading Corp., a company organized under the laws of Brunei and a 100% owned subsidiary of IMG;
- "Ruiming Magnesium", refers to Taiyuan Ruiming Yiwei Magnesium Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and an 80% majority owned subsidiary of CDI China;
- "Beauty East" refers to Beauty East International, Ltd., a Hong Kong company and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI China.
- "Marvelous Honor" refers to Marvelous Honor Holdings Inc., a Brunei company and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI China.
- "Golden Trust" refers to Golden Trust Magnesium Industry Co., Ltd. a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI China; and
- "Lingshi Magnesium" refers to Lingshi Xinghai Magnesium Industry Co., Ltd. a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a wholly owned subsidiary of Ruiming Magnesium.

Basic Materials Segment

- "Lang Chemical", refers to Shanghai Lang Chemical Co., Ltd. a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a 51% owned subsidiary of CDI China which we disposed of in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012;
- "CDI Jingkun Zinc", refers to CDI Jingkun Zinc Industry Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a 95% owned subsidiary of CDI Shanghai Management;
- "CDI Jixiang Metal", refers to CDI Jixiang Metal Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI China;

- “CDI Metal”, refers to Shanghai CDI Metal Material Co., Ltd. (a/k/a Shanghai CDI Metal Recycling Co., Ltd.), a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI Shanghai Management; and
- “CDI Beijing” refers to CDI (Beijing) International Trading Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a 51% owned subsidiary of CDI Shanghai Management, which we disposed of in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012.
- “CDII Trading” refers to CDII Trading, Inc., a Florida corporation and a 100% owned subsidiary of CD International Industries.
- “CDII Minerals” refers to CDII Minerals, Inc., a Florida corporation and a 100% owned subsidiary of CD International Industries.

Consulting Segment

- “China Direct Investments”, refers to China Direct Investments, Inc., a Florida corporation, and a wholly owned subsidiary of CD International;
- “CDI Shanghai Management”, refers to CDI Shanghai Management Co., Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the PRC and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI China; and
- “Capital One Resource”, refers to Capital One Resource Co., Ltd., a Brunei company, and a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI Shanghai Management.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

OVERVIEW

We are a U.S. based company that sources, produces and distributes industrial products in Asia, Europe, Australia, and the Americas. We also provide business and financial consulting services to public and private American and Chinese businesses. We operate in three identifiable business segments: Magnesium, Basic Materials and Consulting. Beginning in 2006, we established our Magnesium and Basic Materials segments which have grown through acquisitions of controlling interests of Chinese private companies. We consolidate these acquisitions as either our wholly or majority owned subsidiaries. Through our U.S. based industrial commodities business, established in 2009, we source, finance, manage logistics, and sell industrial commodities from North and South America for ultimate distribution in China. We also provide business and financial consulting services to public and private American and Chinese businesses.

We operate our business in three segments. Our Magnesium segment, which is our largest segment in revenues and total assets, produces, sells and distributes pure magnesium ingots, magnesium powder and alloys. Our Basic Materials segment sells and distributes industrial commodities. Our Consulting segment provides business and financial consulting services to U.S. public companies that operate primarily in China.

Our corporate headquarters are in Deerfield Beach, Florida which houses the U.S. executive and administrative team that guides our overall operations. Our U.S. office employs both English and Chinese speaking business and accounting staff and our legal and other executive management. These professionals focus on due diligence, business development, finance, accounting and compliance with the reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and other applicable laws in the U.S. and the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”).

Corporate Initiatives

Management has moved forward with several corporate initiatives to strengthen our Magnesium Segment in China and diversify our revenue base internationally. In our Magnesium Segment, we continued with management’s consolidation plan of magnesium facilities owned or controlled by Yuwei Huang, general manager of our Magnesium segment and member of our board of directors, in our effort to become the industry leader in the production and distribution of pure magnesium products. In May 2011 we acquired the remaining 48% non-controlling interest in Golden Magnesium, making it a wholly owned subsidiary of our company. Additionally, in September 2011, we sold our 51% interest in Pan Asia Magnesium, our only magnesium operation unaffiliated with Mr. Huang, for \$3.05 million in cash. In February 2012 we acquired 100% of Golden Trust and 80% of Lingshi Magnesium. As a result of the implementation of our consolidation plan and improvements in demand for our magnesium products throughout fiscal 2012, we were able to achieve a 3.5% increase in revenues in this segment as compared to fiscal 2011. Golden Trust and Lingshi Magnesium are both engaged in the production of pure magnesium ingots. We have added approximately 20,000 metric tons of annual production capacity from Golden Trust and approximately 12,000 metric tons of annual production capacity from Lingshi Magnesium, bringing our total magnesium production capacity to approximately 70,000 metric tons.

In our Basic Materials segment we commenced sales from our U.S. based industrial commodities business. We established operations in Mexico, Chile and Bolivia where we entered into contracts with local operators and producers to secure supplies of iron ore. Throughout the course of fiscal 2012 we have established domestic logistics and materials processing capabilities and a relationship with a leading European logistics and trading solutions

company to sell our sourced iron ore for delivery into China. We have also worked with our suppliers and local governmental authorities to obtain the necessary permits and approvals to process and export iron ore on a continuous basis in these countries. We believe we are well positioned to start to build revenue from these operations in fiscal 2013.

In our Consulting segment we have increased our marketing efforts in the U.S. and in China. These efforts include our recently launched marketing initiative for our new One-Stop China Value™ program. This program is designed to implement a broad range of strategies to enhance and maximize shareholder value for China-based U.S. listed companies. We primarily focus our marketing efforts on companies with good corporate governance, management integrity, and the potential for growth and profitability. Other marketing plans include sponsoring trade symposiums, investment forums, and forming strategic alliances with industry and trade associations under the auspices of the Chinese Government. We believe these efforts will lead to additional clients and create significant growth in this segment in the coming years.

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MAGNESIUM SEGMENT

We currently operate four magnesium facilities in China that produce and/or distribute pure magnesium ingots, powders and scraps. In fiscal 2012 revenues from this segment were \$102.2 million, including revenues of \$0.9 million from related parties, and represented 89.5% of our total consolidated revenues. In fiscal 2011 revenues from this segment were \$99.9 million, including revenues of \$6.6 million from related parties, and represented 53.2% of our total consolidated revenues.

We produced, sold and distributed approximately 36,808 metric tons of magnesium products in fiscal 2012. Through our February 2012 acquisitions of Golden Trust and Lingshi Magnesium, we produced and sold 1,073 metric tons of magnesium powders in fiscal 2012. As of September 30, 2012, we have total annual magnesium ingot production capacity of 70,000 metric tons and annual magnesium powder production capacity of 10,000 metric tons. In fiscal 2012 our average selling price of magnesium was approximately \$2,696 per metric ton as compared to \$2,703 per metric ton in fiscal 2011. In fiscal 2012, sales to our four largest customers, inclusive of related parties, in our Magnesium segment were responsible for approximately 35% of our total revenues in this segment and approximately 31% of our total consolidated revenues. We do not have any contracts with these customers and there are no assurances we will retain their business in future periods.

Magnesium is the third most commonly used structural metal, following steel and aluminum. It is the lightest and strongest of the structural metals, it is one fourth the weight of steel, two fifths the weight of titanium and two thirds the weight of aluminum. Magnesium has multiple industrial and consumer applications. Magnesium ingots are a prime raw material input for the production of titanium and aluminum alloys and magnesium alloys. Magnesium powder and granules are used to remove sulfur in the production of steel. Due to their unique light weight and high strength properties, magnesium alloys are used in a variety of aircraft and automobile parts, as well as in electronic equipment such as computers, cameras and cellular phones.

Our magnesium production facilities are located in the Shanxi Province and Inner Mongolia, China. These regions are rich in natural resources such as dolomite and ferrosilicon, the primary raw materials used to produce our pure magnesium. In addition, these areas have vast deposits of coal. Our magnesium facilities in the Shanxi Province utilize waste gas to fuel their furnaces. Waste gas is a by-product in the processing of coal into coke. The utilization of waste gas as an energy source is less expensive than burning coal and provides a more environmentally friendly source of energy compared to magnesium producers who burn coal to fuel their furnaces.

The exploitation of waste gas as energy is an important element to our Magnesium segment in light of the regulations implemented by the PRC to control industrial pollution. In April 2008, the PRC amended the Energy Conservation Law, previously adopted in 1997 which regulates national standards on energy conservation. The amendment establishes per unit energy consumption quotas for magnesium smelting, effective as of June 2008. Companies failing to meet the new environmental protection standards may be subject to penalties, in the form of fines and/or suspension. Our facilities have obtained a license from the appropriate provincial environmental protection administrations permitting them to produce magnesium. In addition, on March 7, 2011, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) of the PRC published new conditions for the magnesium industry setting standards for the layout, production capacity and environmental protection for the industry and to accelerate industry restructuring, enhance environmental protection, regulate investment and prevent redundant construction. The new conditions require existing producers to have annual production capacity of at least 15,000 metric tons per year. If an existing producer wishes to apply for renovation or expansion of its production, it will need to have a production capacity of at least 20,000 metric tons per year. Any new magnesium producers must have a planned capacity of at least 50,000 metric tons per year. In addition, new magnesium refining projects will be prohibited in areas one kilometer from drinking water sources, basic farmland protection areas, natural reserves, scenic spots and other areas

that require strict environmental quality.

We utilize a production method for magnesium ingots known as the silicothermic manufacturing process, sometimes referred to as the 'pidgeon process'. The pidgeon process, a common method employed in China, offers several advantages including reduced costs and production cycles. From an environmental perspective the process is beneficial when compared with alternative production methods. In addition, all of our facilities utilize high temperature air combustion technology, also known as flameless combustion in an attempt to further reduce production costs.

We obtain dolomite and ferrosilicon, the primary raw materials used to produce pure magnesium and waste gas used to fuel our magnesium producing furnaces from a variety of sources including mining companies, coke refineries who produce waste gas as a by-product in the production of coke, washing coal, coal tar, sulfur, ammonium sulfate and benzene. We have a fixed price supply agreement for a specified quantity of waste gas for our Golden Magnesium facility which expires in August 2027. In fiscal 2012, Pine Capital Enterprise Inc., a related party, accounted for over 10% of the purchases of finished goods for resale and raw materials used in our Magnesium segment. We purchase dolomite and ferrosilicon on a purchase order basis from local suppliers at market prices based on our production requirements.

Although we experienced short term shortages of electricity and coke gas during portions of fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2012 at some of our magnesium facilities due to government imposed power restrictions and the diversion of waste gas resources due to extreme cold weather conditions, we believe we will have access to sufficient electricity, dolomite, ferrosilicon and coke gas to meet our needs for the foreseeable future as the government imposed energy restrictions expire and demand for coke increases.

BASIC MATERIALS SEGMENT

In our Basic Materials segment, our primary business focus is selling and distributing a variety of products in Asia including industrial grade synthetic chemicals, steel products, non ferrous metals, recycled materials and industrial commodities. This segment also includes our zinc mining property, which was discontinued in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. In fiscal 2012 our Basic Materials segment had negligible revenues from operations and during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 we sold Lang Chemical and CDI Beijing, the two main subsidiaries in this segment, as discussed below, and realigned our investments into industrial commodities trading and distribution in the Americas. In fiscal 2012, continuing revenues from the Basic Materials segment were \$0.8 million, representing less than 1% of our total consolidated revenues, which primarily reflects the sale of Lang Chemical and CDI Beijing. In fiscal 2011 our Basic Materials segment generated revenues of \$69.0 million, representing approximately 36.7% of our total consolidated revenues.

We act as a third party agent in the sale and distribution of industrial chemicals which are employed as raw materials in the production of a variety of finished products such as paint, glue, plastics, textiles, leather goods as well as various medical products. We sell and distribute four primary product categories of industrial grade synthetic chemicals, glacial acetic acid and acetic acid derivatives, acrylic acid and acrylic ester, vinyl acetate-ethylene and polyvinyl alcohol. We also sell and distribute steel-related products including reinforcing steel bars and other industrial related commodities.

In July 2009, we launched our industrial commodities business to engage in the global purchase and sale of industrial commodities. These commodities include mineral ores, non-ferrous metals, scrap metals, rare metals, petrochemicals, and other related commodities. In fiscal 2011 we have entered into agreements with suppliers in Mexico and parts of South America for the ongoing supply of iron ore for sale to our customers in China. We also market products from our other business units as well as some of our consulting clients by leveraging our relationships with buyers in China and abroad with worldwide suppliers we source. In fiscal 2011, we have entered into supply agreements in three countries.

CONSULTING SEGMENT

In our Consulting segment, we provide a suite of consulting services to U.S. public companies that operate primarily in China. We currently have service contracts with clients who conduct business in China or seek to conduct business within China. We generate revenues by providing consulting services in the areas of financing structures and arrangements, mergers, acquisitions and other business transactions, identifying potential areas of growth, translation services, managing and coordinating all necessary government approvals and licenses in the PRC, marketing services, investor relations services, and coordination of the preparation of required SEC filings.

Our consulting fees vary based upon the scope of the services to be rendered. Historically, a significant portion of the fees we earned have been paid in the form of our clients' securities. We classify these securities as investments in marketable securities available-for-sale or investment in marketable securities available for sale-related party. We value these securities at fair market value at the time of receipt for the purposes of our revenue recognition. Primarily all of the securities we receive as compensation are from small public companies and are typically restricted as to resale under Federal securities laws.

We have been actively marketing our advisory services in China and expect to add new consulting clients and complete additional transactions through these enhanced marketing efforts coupled with increasing demand from PRC companies seeking to list, or currently trading on, U.S. equity markets. We have and will continue to focus our efforts

on those companies with potential for growth and profitability which are in need of business development and public relations expertise and capital. These efforts include sponsoring trade symposiums, investment forums, formation of strategic alliances with the industry and trade associations under the auspices of the Chinese government and in fiscal 2011 we launched One-Stop China Value™ program to help enhance shareholder value and provide essential corporate services.

In addition to potential transaction fees, we also anticipate receiving additional client fees generated from our ongoing annual service contracts.

EMPLOYEES

As of December 19, 2012 we have approximately 610 full time employees, including 17 employees in the United States and 593 employees in the PRC. We believe we have good working relationships with our employees. We are currently not a party to any collective bargaining agreements.

For our employees in the PRC, we are required to contribute a portion of their total salaries to the Chinese government's social insurance funds, including medical insurance, unemployment insurance and job injuries insurance, as well as a housing assistance fund, in accordance with relevant regulations. We expect the amount of our contribution to the government's social insurance funds to increase in the future as we expand our workforce and operations.

COMPETITION

Our subsidiaries and the business segments they operate in face unique challenges and extensive competition.

Magnesium segment. The magnesium market in China is dominated by several large manufacturers. Our main competitors in the industry are Huaying Magnesium Group, Fugu Magnesium Group, and YiWei Magnesium, a related party. Production costs associated with the energy needed to fuel the magnesium refinery, raw material costs and availability of labor are a significant challenge facing all producers. We believe we are competitive with other local magnesium producers because all of our production facilities are located in close geographic proximity to coke refineries who, when in production, supply waste gas that fuels our magnesium refineries. We believe that competitors with refineries that use coal as the sole source of fuel for production will face continued pressure from environmental regulation and higher energy costs that may limit their ability to operate in the future. Effective January 2008, a 10% export tariff on magnesium was imposed that equally impacted the profit margins of all China based producers and has somewhat affected our competitive advantage over non-China based magnesium producers. In addition, we are unable to compete on price in the U.S. market because the U.S. imposes significant import duties on magnesium imported from China.

Basic Materials segment. While we believe our subsidiaries in this segment have viable business models, we also recognize that many rival entities possess greater financial and technical resources to compete in these businesses. We compete with a variety of companies which include global and domestic distribution agents as well as manufacturers. These companies have more capital, longer operating histories, greater brand recognition, larger customer bases and significantly greater financial and marketing resources than us. These competitors may offer a more comprehensive array of products and services than we are able to provide. For these and other reasons, these competitors may achieve greater acceptance in the marketplace than our company, limiting our ability to gain market share and customer loyalty and increase our revenues. We believe that we compete primarily on the basis of price and availability of the products we sell.

Consulting segment. The services we offer in our Consulting segment competes with the services offered by many entities and individuals seeking to take advantage of the growing need of Chinese entities seeking management advice in order to obtain access to U.S. capital markets for their expansion. This competition ranges from large management consulting firms and investment banks that offer a broad range of consulting and financial services, to small companies and independent contractors that provide specialized services. Many of the firms prospecting these clients are well established and have extensive experience identifying and effecting business combinations directly or through affiliates. Furthermore, we acknowledge we are competing with firms that may possess greater financial, marketing, technical, human and other resources. We believe that we compete primarily on the basis of our ability to offer a wider range of value-added services than our competitors. In light of the current global economic environment and a continuation of the downturn in the global capital markets and concerns of China based companies, we believe it is difficult for smaller companies with operations based in China to attract interest in the financial community, make acquisitions and increase revenues and profitability. These factors impact our clients' ability to pay the management fees needed to meet the costs of providing the services needed to comply with U.S. securities laws which our competitors may be able to provide at lower rates.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

We have registered the trademarks "China Direct", "Your Direct Link to China" and "CDI" in the United States. We do not consider the protection of our trademarks and brand names to be important to our business.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Despite efforts to develop the legal system over the past several decades, including but not limited to legislation dealing with economic matters such as foreign investment, corporate organization and governance, commerce, taxation and trade, the PRC continues to lack a comprehensive system of laws. Further, the laws that do exist in the PRC are often vague, ambiguous and difficult to enforce, which could negatively affect our ability to do business in the PRC and compete with other companies in our segments.

In September 2006, the Ministry of Commerce promulgated the Regulations on Foreign Investors' Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises ("M&A Regulations") in an effort to better regulate foreign investment in the PRC. The M&A Regulations were adopted in part as a needed codification of certain joint venture formation and operating practices, and also in response to the government's increasing concern about protecting domestic companies in perceived key industries and those associated with national security, as well as the outflow of well-known trademarks, including traditional Chinese brands.

As a U.S. based company doing business in the PRC, we seek to comply with all PRC laws, rules and regulations and pronouncements, and endeavor to obtain all necessary approvals from applicable PRC regulatory agencies such as the Ministry of Commerce, the State Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, the State Administration for Taxation, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the China Securities Regulatory Commission), and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange .

Economic Reform Issues.

Since 1979, the Chinese government has reformed its economic systems. Many reforms are unprecedented or experimental; therefore they are expected to be refined and improved. Other political, economic and social factors, such as political changes, changes in the rates of economic growth, unemployment, inflation, or the disparities in per capita wealth between regions in the PRC, could lead to further readjustment of the reform measures. We cannot predict if this refining and readjustment process may negatively affect our operations in future periods, particularly in relation to future policies including but not limited to foreign investment, taxation, inflation and trade.

Currency.

The value of the Renminbi (“RMB”), the main currency used in the PRC, fluctuates and is affected by, among other things, changes in the PRC’s political and economic conditions. The conversion of RMB into foreign currencies such as the U.S. dollar have been generally based on rates set by the People’s Bank of China, which are set daily based on the previous day’s interbank foreign exchange market rates and current exchange rates on the world financial markets. The currency exchange and fund transfers are regulated by China’s State Administration of Foreign Exchange, which sets the relevant laws, regulations, and carries out the supervision of currency exchanges and cross border transfers of related funds, and imposes restrictions and regulatory controls over such exchanges and transfers.

Environment.

We are currently subject to numerous Chinese provincial and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment which are highly relevant to our Magnesium, and Basic Materials segments. These laws continue to evolve and are becoming increasingly stringent. The ultimate impact of complying with such laws and regulations is not always clearly known or determinable because regulations under some of these laws have not yet been promulgated or are undergoing revision. In fiscal 2012 we did not spend any funds related to compliance with environmental regulations.

The Environmental Protection Law requires production facilities that may cause pollution or produce other toxic materials to take steps to protect the environment and establish an environmental protection and management system. Penalties for breaching the Environmental Protection Law include a warning, payment of a penalty calculated on the damage incurred, or payment of a fine. When an entity has failed to adopt preventive measures or control facilities that meet the requirements of environmental protection standards, it may be required to suspend its production or operations and pay a fine.

The State Environmental Protection Administration Bureau is responsible for the supervision of environmental protection, the implementation of national standards for environmental quality and discharge of pollutants, and supervision of the environmental management system in the PRC. Environmental protection bureaus at the county level or above are responsible for environmental protection in their jurisdictions. The laws and regulations on environmental protection require each company to submit environmental impact statements for construction project to the environmental protection bureaus at the county level. These must be prepared prior to when the construction, expansion or modification commences.

On March 7, 2011, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) of the PRC published new conditions for the magnesium industry setting standards for the layout, production capacity and environmental protection for the industry and to accelerate industry restructuring, enhance environmental protection, regulate investment and prevent redundant construction.

There remains some uncertainty as to how this regulation will be interpreted or implemented. If MIIT or another PRC regulatory agency subsequently determines that we are not in compliance with these conditions, we may incur substantial costs or liabilities that could reduce our overall profitability. The capital requirements and other expenditures that may be necessary to comply with environmental requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations.

We recognize this tighter scrutiny surrounding environmental protection in the PRC and this consideration is a material factor in our due diligence process when selecting and acquiring companies in the PRC. In our Magnesium segment, for example, the production facilities we have acquired utilize waste gas to fuel their plants or have been upgraded to use more energy efficient waste gas. We believe this mitigates the risk of our magnesium production being limited in the future due to environmental protection actions initiated by the PRC.

We believe our operations in the PRC comply with the current environmental protection requirements and the March 7, 2011 regulations regarding minimum production capacity. We are not subject to any admonition, penalty, investigations or inquiries imposed by the environmental regulators, nor are we subject to any claims or legal proceedings to which we are named as a defendant for violation of any environmental laws and regulations.

Other regulations particularly applicable to Basic Materials segment.

Regulation of the chemical industry in the PRC is monitored by The Ministry of China Chemical Industry. Industry participants are governed by the Industrial Chemical Control Law issued by the Ministry of China Chemical Industry. The Shanghai provincial government issues licenses for the distribution of chemical products in the PRC. We believe we are in substantial compliance with all provisions of those PRC registrations, inspections and licenses and have no reason to believe the necessary licenses will not be renewed as required by the applicable rules of the Central Government and Shanghai City.

Other regulations particularly applicable to Magnesium and Basic Resource segments.

The PRC's Mining Ministry, and other provincial, county and local authorities in jurisdictions in which our products are processed or sold, monitors the processing, storage, and distribution of our magnesium products. Our processing facilities are subject to periodic inspection by national, provincial, county and local authorities. We may not be able to comply with current laws and regulations, or any future laws and regulations. To the extent that new regulations are adopted, we will be required to conform our activities in order to comply with such regulations. We may be required to incur substantial costs in order to comply. Our failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations could subject us to civil remedies, including fines, injunctions, recalls or seizures, as well as potential criminal sanctions, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, operations and finances. Changes in applicable laws and regulations may also have a negative impact on our sales.

OUR CORPORATE HISTORY

We were incorporated on June 7, 1999 in Delaware initially under the name Caprock Corporation to engage in any lawful corporate undertaking, including, but not limited to, selected mergers and acquisitions.

Between 1999 and 2005 we operated a number of small, start up or development stage businesses. In October 2005, we became a shell company and began a search for a business combination candidate.

On August 16, 2006 we acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of China Direct Investments in exchange for 10,000,000 shares of our common stock, which at closing, represented approximately 95% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock. China Direct Investments was incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida on January 18, 2005 and its operations constitute our Consulting segment. As a result of the reverse merger transaction, China Direct Investments became a wholly owned subsidiary and the transaction resulted in a change of control of our company. For financial accounting purposes, the transaction in which we acquired China Direct Investments was treated as a recapitalization of our company with our former stockholders retaining approximately 5.0% of our outstanding common stock.

In September 2006, we changed our name to China Direct, Inc. and in June 2007 we redomiciled our company from Delaware to Florida. Subsequent to the transaction with China Direct Investments in September 2006, we have substantially grown our business by acquiring growth oriented companies in the PRC.

On March 29, 2009 we changed our name to China Direct Industries, Inc. to more accurately reflect our principal business of producing magnesium and distributing basic materials in the PRC.

When we acquire a company in the PRC, we generally do so by creating a foreign invested entity ("FIE") with a local person or company experienced in the business we seek to acquire. An FIE is created by submitting an application to the local PRC government to increase the "registered capital" of a Chinese domestic company. The local Chinese person

or company will contribute assets to the FIE and we will contribute investment funds over time to satisfy the registered capital amount. Upon receipt of the requisite government approvals, a new FIE is created with our ownership percentage represented by the value of our registered capital contribution as compared to the new total registered capital amount. We endeavor to adhere to all rules and regulations governing foreign investment in the PRC and to obtain all necessary governmental approvals and business licenses for our subsidiaries.

In February 2007, we acquired a 51% interest in CDI Magnesium in exchange for 25,000 shares of our common stock valued at \$100,000. The fair value of our common stock was based on its value of \$4.00 per share on February 6, 2007. We dissolved CDI Magnesium as of September 30, 2011 and wrote off our investment of \$100,000 in the company in fiscal 2011 upon completion of our sale of our 51% interest in Pan Asia Magnesium discussed below.

In September 2007, we acquired a 51% interest in Pan Asia Magnesium in exchange for an aggregate investment of \$7.4 million. We began presenting our interest in Pan Asia Magnesium as a discontinued operation beginning with our financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 as a result of a dispute with its former non-controlling shareholder and recorded a \$7.4 million impairment charge against our investment in Pan Asia Magnesium. On September 15, 2011 we completed the sale of our 51% ownership interest in Pan Asia Magnesium to Bloomgain Investment Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, an unrelated party for \$3,047,582 in cash.

In February 2008, we acquired a 51% interest in Baotou Changxin Magnesium in exchange for \$7,084,000 and an additional 39% interest in Baotou Changxin Magnesium in exchange for \$5,417,000. Accordingly, we hold a 70.9% interest in Baotou Changxin Magnesium. As described elsewhere herein, in September 2012 we discontinued the operations of Baotou Changxin Magnesium.

In February 2008, we invested \$347,222 to acquire an 83% interest in Shanghai CDI Metal. In July 2011, we acquired the remaining 17% non-controlling interest in CDI Metal from its former non-controlling shareholder in exchange for the forgiveness of a loan from CDI Metal to such shareholder in the principal amount of RMB 100,000 (approximately \$76,585).

In June 2008, we entered into an agreement to form CDI Beijing. Under the terms of the Agreement, we acquired a 51% interest in CDI Beijing for approximately \$1.5 million. On December 30, 2009, the shareholders of CDI Beijing agreed to limit their capital contributions to the \$2.9 million they already contributed and waived their requirement to contribute additional capital including our obligation to contribute \$2,200,000 by September 30, 2009.

On July 13, 2010, we entered into an equity transfer agreement with Pine Capital Enterprises, Inc. (“Pine Capital”) and Taiyuan Yiwei Magnesium Industry Co., Ltd. (“Yiwei Magnesium”) to acquire an 80% interest in Taiyuan Ruiming Yiwei Magnesium Co. Ltd. (“Ruiming Magnesium”) effective as of July 1, 2010, for RMB 44,880,000 (approximately \$6,451,677) comprised of \$2,428,864 in cash, 769,231 shares of our common stock valued at \$846,154, and an assignment of a portion of our interest in Excel Rise Technology, Ltd. (“Excel Rise”) in the amount of \$2,367,038. The remaining 20% interest in Ruiming Magnesium is owned by Pine Capital. Yuwei Huang, our executive vice president – magnesium and member of our board of directors, owns or controls Pine Capital and Yiwei Magnesium.

On May 6, 2011 we entered into a stock transfer contract with Mr. Kong Tung, a member of our board of directors, and Mr. Hui Dong, his son, both of whom were the shareholders of our subsidiary Beauty East prior to our acquisition of that company. We acquired 100% of Beauty East in exchange for 4,879,280 shares of our common stock valued at \$6,147,893 or \$1.26 per share.

On February 29, 2012 we completed the acquisition of 100% of Golden Trust and 80% of Lingshi Magnesium for an aggregate purchase price of \$26.7 million paid by a combination of \$6.5 million in cash or assignment of intercompany loans, \$15.5 million in shares of our common stock, and \$4.7 million by way of transferring our interest in our Excel Rise subsidiary. In conjunction with the acquisition of Golden Trust and Lingshi Magnesium, we also entered into a Management Agreement with Messrs. Yuwei Huang and Kong Tung, members of our board of directors, to consolidate and manage the business operations for all of our magnesium production facilities.

On September 28, 2012, we sold our 51% interest in Lang Chemical for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$1.2 million, with \$600,000 tendered at closing and the balance payable over a year with annual interest of 6% per year payable in quarterly installments. We acquired our stake in Lang Chemical in 2006 for approximately \$700,000. Lang Chemical represented substantially most of the assets in our Basic Materials segment and approximately 29% of our consolidated revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2012. This disposition is consistent with our strategy to streamline our investment and assets in China committed to this segment due to poor performance over the past year and realign our investments to our industrial commodities business in the Americas to maximize our profits and cash flow over the next fiscal year and beyond.

On October 8, 2012, we sold our 51% interest in CDI Beijing for \$1.6 million pursuant to the terms of an equity transfer agreement by and among CDI Shanghai, CDI Beijing and Chi Chen and Huijuan Chen. Mr. Chen served as vice president of our Basic Materials segment and was a minority owner of CDI Beijing. CDI Beijing contributed approximately \$800,000 in revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2012. We anticipate a de minimis loss on the disposition based on the carrying value of our 51% equity interest in CDI Beijing. We expect that the sale of CDI

Beijing will enable us to focus our operations in China solely on the magnesium production and distribution operations, and also to further realign our investments to our industrial commodities business in South America.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Before you invest in our securities, you should be aware that there are various risks. You should consider carefully these risk factors, together with all of the other information included in this annual report before you decide to purchase our securities. If any of the following risks and uncertainties develop into actual events, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Risks Related To Our Business

Our auditors have raised substantial doubts as to our ability to continue as a going concern.

Our financial statements have been prepared assuming we will continue as a going concern. For fiscal 2012 we reported a net loss of \$53.3 million which is primarily attributable to the impact of discontinued operations and one-time impairments. This, among others operational and working capital deficit issues, raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Our financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. There are no assurances that we will be able to return to profitable operations in the future or that we will not recognize additional write-offs in future periods which will adversely impact our financial results.

Our revenues declined in fiscal 2012 and there are no assurances they will return to historic levels.

Our revenues from continuing operations declined 6.6% in fiscal 2012 from fiscal 2011 which is primarily attributable to declines in revenues from our Basic Materials and Consulting segments offset by a very modest growth in revenues from our Magnesium segment. Our ability to increase our revenues across all segments in fiscal 2013 and beyond is dependent upon general economic growth in our markets, our ability to effectively compete and access to sufficient capital. There are no assurances we will be successful in increasing our revenues in future periods.

We reported losses for fiscal 2012 and our gross profit margins are not sufficient to enable us to report profitable operations.

Our comprehensive loss for fiscal 2012 was \$30.27 million. We reported an operating loss of \$7.8 million in fiscal 2012 which is primarily attributable to one time charges of \$7.7 million. However, our gross profit was only marginally greater than our operating expenses. In addition to an operating loss, as a result of one time charges associated with impairments and realized losses on securities we accept as partial compensation for services in our Consulting segment, we reported a loss from continuing operations of \$10.6 million. Lastly, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 we discontinued the operations of three subsidiaries and sold a fourth subsidiary at a loss and reported a loss from discontinued operations of \$20.5 million. While we expect that these events will improve our financial results in future periods, until such time as we are able to significantly increase our gross profit our ability to report profitable operations could be adversely impacted.

The metals industry is highly cyclical. Fluctuations in the pricing and availability of magnesium and in levels of customer demand have historically been severe, and future changes and/or fluctuations could cause us to experience lower sales volumes and revenues, which would negatively impact our profit margins.

The metals industry is highly cyclical. The length and magnitude of industry cycles have varied over time and by product, but generally reflect changes in macroeconomic conditions, levels of industry capacity and availability of usable raw materials. The overall levels of demand for our magnesium and magnesium-based products reflect fluctuations in levels of end-user demand, which depend in large part on general macroeconomic conditions

worldwide which then impact the level of production in the PRC. For example, many of the principal uses of magnesium and magnesium-related products are for the production of structural metal, steel and aluminum manufacturing, production of alloys used in aircraft and automobile parts, the manufacture of electronic equipment such as computers, cameras, and cellular phones and the use of magnesium powder in flares, flashes and pyrotechnics. The market for these products are heavily dependent on general economic conditions, including the availability of affordable energy sources, employment levels, interest rates, consumer confidence and construction demand. These cyclical shifts in our customers' industries tend to result in significant fluctuations in demand and pricing for our products. As a result, in periods of recession or low economic growth, metals companies, including ours, have generally tended to under-perform compared to other industries. We generally have high fixed costs, so changes in industry demand that impact our production volume also can significantly impact our profit margins and our overall financial condition. Economic downturns in the worldwide economy or a prolonged decline in demand in our Magnesium segment has had a negative impact on our operations and a continuation or further deterioration of current economic conditions could have a negative impact on our future financial condition or results of operations.

Changes in the prices of magnesium and magnesium-related products will have a significant impact on our operating results and financial condition.

We derive a substantial portion of our revenue from the sale of magnesium and magnesium-based products. Changes in the market price of magnesium impact the selling prices of our products, and therefore our profitability is significantly affected by decreased magnesium prices. Market prices of magnesium are dependent upon supply and demand and a variety of factors over which we have little or no control, including:

- world economic conditions;
- availability and relative pricing of metal substitutes;
- labor costs;
- energy prices;
- environmental laws and regulations;
- weather; and
- import and export restrictions.

Declines in the price of magnesium and higher production costs have had a negative impact on our operations since commencing in September 2008, and could have a negative impact on our future financial condition or results of operations. Market conditions beyond our control determine the prices for our products, and the price for any one or more of our products may fall below our production costs, requiring us to either incur short-term losses. In addition, our ability to pay our operating expenses and satisfy our obligations as they become due are adversely impacted by the declining margins in our Magnesium segment.

Fluctuations in the cost or availability of electricity, coke, coal and/or natural gas would lead to higher manufacturing costs, thereby reducing our margins and limiting our cash flows from operations.

Energy is one of our most significant costs in our Magnesium segment. Energy prices, particularly for coal and coke gas, are volatile. While we have a fixed price supply agreement for a specified quantity of waste gas for our Golden Magnesium facility which expires in August 2027, fluctuations in price impact our manufacturing costs and contribute to earnings volatility.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010 and the first quarter of fiscal 2011 the Chinese authorities mandated a significant reduction of energy usage and instituted “rolling brownouts” in an effort to meet the targets for energy consumption and emissions set by the 11th Five Year Plan (2006-2010). This policy resulted in a one month shut down of production at our Golden Magnesium facility because our electrical supply was interrupted. In addition, we were unable to restart production at Baotou Changxin Magnesium because our coke gas supplier temporarily ceased production due to a lack of demand for coke which led, in part, to our decision to discontinue the operations of this subsidiary. These shut downs will reduce our production at Golden Magnesium, reducing our revenues and potentially impacting our ability to deliver products to our customers. Any continuation of these restrictions will adversely impact our results of operations in future periods. We are also unable to predict at this time whether additional energy policies will be adopted by the Chinese government that could adversely impact our operations in future periods.

In the event of further interruptions in the supply of electricity or coke gas to our magnesium facilities, production at our manufacturing facilities would have to be shut down. In addition, we do not maintain sources of secondary power at our facilities, and therefore any prolonged interruptions in the supply of energy to our facilities could result in lengthy production shutdowns, increased costs associated with restarting production and waste of production in progress.

If we were to lose order volumes from any of our major customers, our sales could decline significantly and our cash flows may be reduced.

In fiscal 2012, our four largest customers, inclusive of related parties, in our Magnesium segment were responsible for approximately 35% of our total revenues in this segment and approximately 31% of our total consolidated revenues. These customers purchase products from us on a spot or short term contract basis and may choose not to continue to purchase our products. A loss of order volumes from any major customer, including a related party, or a significant reduction in their purchase orders could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations by lowering sales volumes, increasing costs and lowering profitability.

If we fail to implement our expansion plans, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

An important part of our strategy is to grow our business by acquiring additional production facilities for magnesium and magnesium related products. In addition, the operation of our industrial commodities business may require a significant cash investment to finance purchases of commodities we intend to sell. We will need to issue additional financing to implement our expansion strategy to acquire additional magnesium production facilities and finance the operations of our industrial commodities business. We may not have access to the funding required for these plans on acceptable terms. Our expansion plans may also suffer significant delays as a result of a variety of factors, such as legal and regulatory requirements, either of which could prevent us from completing our plans as currently expected. Our expansion plans may also result in other unanticipated adverse consequences, such as the diversion of management's attention from our existing operations. In addition, even if we can implement our strategy, expansion in the magnesium and industrial commodities market, increased sales to various industries, including the automobile industry may not materialize to the extent we expect, or at all, resulting in unutilized magnesium production capacity and unrecoverable expenses and investments in our trading business. Any failure to successfully implement our business strategy, including for any of the above reasons, could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We may, in addition, decide to alter or discontinue certain aspects of our business strategy at any time.

The value of the equity securities we accept as compensation is subject to adjustment which could result in losses to us in future periods.

In our Consulting segment, historically we have accepted equity securities of our clients as compensation for services. These securities are reflected on our balance sheet as "marketable securities available for sale". At the end of each period, we evaluate the carrying value of the marketable securities for a decrease in value. We evaluate the company underlying these marketable securities to determine whether a decline in fair value below the amortized cost basis is other than temporary. If the decline in fair value is judged to be "other- than- temporary", the cost basis of the individual security is shall be written down to fair value as a new cost basis and the amount of the write-down is charged to earnings. As a result of these policies, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 we recognized a one-time impairment of \$17.3 million related to the carrying value of these marketable equity securities. In addition, we also recorded a one-time loss of \$6.1 million as a result of significant declines in the market value of other receivable marketable securities. Any future additional impairments would adversely affect our operating results for the corresponding periods in that we would be required to reduce the carrying value of these investments. In addition, if we are unable to liquidate these securities, we will be required to write off the investments which would adversely affect our financial position.

We need additional financing to fund acquisitions and our operations which we may not be able to obtain on acceptable terms. Additional capital raising efforts in future periods may be dilutive to our then current shareholders or result in increased interest expense in future periods.

We may need to raise additional working capital to fund expected growth in our Magnesium segment and our industrial commodities business. Our future capital requirements depend on a number of factors, including our operations, the financial condition of an acquisition target and its need for capital, our ability to finance our purchases of commodities with financial instruments provided by buyers, grow revenues from other sources, and our ability to manage the growth of our business and our ability to control our expenses. Also, if we raise additional capital through the issuance of debt, this will result in increased interest expense. If we raise additional capital through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, the percentage ownership of our company held by existing shareholders will be reduced and those shareholders may experience significant dilution. As we will generally not be required to obtain the consent of our shareholders before entering into acquisition transactions, shareholders are dependent upon the

judgment of our management in determining the number of, and characteristics of, stock issued as consideration in an acquisition. In addition, new securities may contain certain rights, preferences or privileges that are senior to those of our common stock. We cannot assure you that we will be able to raise the working capital as needed in the future on terms acceptable to us, if at all, as the current capital markets have been adversely affected by the severe liquidity crisis. If we do not raise capital as needed, we will be unable to operate our business or fully implement our acquisition expansion strategy.

We are dependent on certain key personnel and the loss of these key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our success is, to a certain extent, attributable to the management, sales and marketing, and operational expertise of key personnel of our subsidiaries in the PRC who perform key functions in the operation of our business as well as our U.S. based management team. We do not exercise any substantive day to day supervision over the activities of key members of our the PRC based management team which includes Yuwei Huang and Kong Tung. The loss of one or more of these key employees or our chief executive officer, Dr. Wang, could have a material adverse effect upon our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results. As a result, current and potential shareholders could lose confidence in our financial reporting, which would harm our business and the trading price of our stock.

As described later in this report, our management has determined that as of September 30, 2012, we did not maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting based on criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework as a result of identified significant deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those responsible for oversight of a registrant’s financial reporting. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company’s annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. If the result of our remediation of the identified significant deficiency is not successful, or if additional significant deficiencies are identified in our internal control over financial reporting, our management will be unable to report favorably as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and/or our disclosure controls and procedures, and we could be required to further implement expensive and time-consuming remedial measures and potentially lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports which could have an adverse effect on our stock price and potentially subject us to litigation.

Certain agreements to which we are a party and which are material to our operations lack various legal protections which are customarily contained in similar contracts prepared in the United States.

Our subsidiaries include companies organized under the laws of the PRC and all of their business and operations are conducted in the PRC. We are a party to certain contracts related to our operations in the PRC. While these contracts contain the basic business terms of the agreements between the parties, these contracts do not contain certain clauses which are customarily contained in similar contracts prepared in the U.S., such as representations and warranties of the parties, confidentiality and non-compete clauses, provisions outlining events of defaults, and termination and jurisdictional clauses. Because our contracts in the PRC omit these customary clauses, notwithstanding the differences in PRC Chinese and U.S. laws, we may not have the same legal protections as we would if the contracts contained these additional clauses. Contractual and other disputes which may arise from this lack of legal protection and our dispute with the minority shareholders of Pan Asia Magnesium and collection efforts to recover uncollected amounts could divert management’s time from the operation of our business, require us to expend funds attempting to settle disputes, limit the time our management would otherwise devote to the operation of our business, and, on a collective basis, have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Intercompany loans may be subject to PRC regulations.

We currently have several inter-company loans between our PRC subsidiaries and PRC based client companies totaling approximately \$23.1 million at September 30, 2012 and we may continue to enter into inter-company and client based financing arrangements to meet our internal capital needs and those of our client companies. PRC laws generally do not permit companies that do not possess a financial service business license to extend loans directly to other companies, including affiliates, without proceeding through a financial agency. The enforcement of these restrictions remains unpredictable, and government authorities may declare these loans void, require the forfeiture of any interest paid and levy fines or other penalties upon the parties involved, among other remedies.

From time to time we engage in related party transactions. There are no assurances that these transactions are fair to our company.

From time to time our subsidiaries enter into transactions with related parties which include purchases from or sales to a related party, advancing related parties significant sums as prepayments for future goods or services and working capital and the payment of fees for consulting services, among other transactions. In December 2009 we adopted a related person transaction policy which will require the pre-approval of the board of directors pre-approval or ratification of transactions between us or one or more of our subsidiaries and any related person involving an amount in excess of \$120,000. Consistent with this policy, the independent members of our Board of Directors approved our purchase of the 48% noncontrolling interest of Golden Magnesium from a company owned or controlled by Mr. Tung, a director of our company and the purchase of Golden Trust and Lingshi Magnesium, subject to shareholder approval of the issuance of our common stock as partial consideration for these acquisitions. In addition, our daily operations in the PRC involve a number of related party transactions in the ordinary course of the business of these subsidiaries. Notwithstanding this policy, we cannot assure you that in every instance the terms of the transactions with related parties are on terms as fair as we might receive from or extend to third parties.

Yuwei Huang, our Executive Vice President – Magnesium, an officer of several of our magnesium subsidiaries and a director of our company, is also an owner and executive officer of several companies which directly compete with our magnesium business.

Mr. Yuwei Huang who serves as our Executive Vice President – Magnesium, an executive officer of several of our Magnesium segment subsidiaries and a director of our company and his daughter Lifei Huang who is the General Manager of International Magnesium Trading are also the principal owners and executive officers of a competitor of ours, YiWei Magnesium. YiWei Magnesium owns interests in several other PRC based magnesium-related businesses. Due to Mr. Huang's interest in our competitors and his management position with our company, there are certain inherent conflicts of interest and there can be no assurances that our business and operations will not be adversely impacted as a result of these conflicts.

Our business will suffer if we lose our land use rights.

There is no private ownership of land in the PRC and all land ownership is held by the government of the PRC, its agencies, and collectives. In the case of land used for business purposes, land use rights can be obtained from the government for a period up to 50 years, and are typically renewable. Land use rights can be granted upon approval by the land administrative authorities of the PRC (State Land Administration Bureau) upon payment of the required land granting fee, the entry into a land use agreement with a competent governmental authority and certain other ministerial procedures. We have entered into agreements to acquire land use rights for some of our occupied properties and other agreements to use the land and the buildings which house our magnesium operations from parties that we reasonably believe have proper land use rights. We cannot give, however, any assurance that our land use rights will be renewed or that the parties we have entered into agreements with will maintain their land use rights. In addition, we may not have followed all procedures required to obtain the land use certificate for the land use rights we agreed to purchase or paid all required fees. If the Chinese administrative authorities determine that we have not fully complied with all procedures and requirements needed to hold a land use certificate for any property which we occupy, we may be forced by the Chinese administrative authorities to retroactively comply with such procedures and requirements, which may be burdensome and require us to make payments, or such Chinese administrative authorities may invalidate or revoke our land use certificate entirely. If the land use right certificates needed for our operations are determined by the government of the PRC to be invalid or if they are not renewed, or if we are unable to renew the lease for our facilities when they expire, we may lose production facilities or employee accommodations that would be difficult or even impossible to replace. Should we have to relocate, our workforce may be unable or unwilling to work in the new location and our business operations will be disrupted during the relocation. The relocation or loss of facilities could cause us to lose sales and/or increase its costs of production, which would negatively impact our financial results.

Failure to comply with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act could subject us to penalties and other adverse consequences.

We are subject to the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which generally prohibits United States companies from engaging in bribery or other prohibited payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. Corruption, extortion, bribery, pay-offs, theft and other fraudulent practices occur from time-to-time in the PRC. We can make no assurance, however, that our employees or other agents will not engage in such conduct for which we might be held responsible. If our employees or other agents are found to have engaged in such practices, we could suffer severe penalties and other consequences that may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Investment Company Act of 1940 will limit the value of securities we can accept as payment for our business consulting services which may limit our future revenues.

We have historically accepted securities as payment for our services and will likely continue to do so in the future, but only to the extent that it does not cause us to become classified as an investment company under the Investment Company Act 1940. To the extent that we are required to reduce the amount of securities we accept as payment for our consulting services to avoid becoming an investment company, our future revenues from our business consulting services may substantially decline if our clients cannot pay our fees in stock or securities. A reduction in the amount of our consulting fees will materially adversely effect our financial condition and results of operations in future periods. Any future change in our fee structure for our consulting services could also severely limit our ability to attract business consulting clients in the future.

The acquisition of new businesses is costly and such acquisitions may not enhance our financial condition.

A significant element of our growth strategy is to acquire controlling interests in companies that operate in the PRC and that offer services, products, technologies, industry specializations or geographic coverage that extend or complement our existing business. The process to undertake a potential acquisition is time-consuming and costly. We expect to expend significant resources to undertake business, financial and legal due diligence on our potential acquisition targets and there is no guarantee that we will acquire the company after completing due diligence. The process of identifying and consummating an acquisition could result in the use of substantial amounts of cash and exposure to undisclosed or potential liabilities of acquired companies. In addition, even if we are successful in acquiring additional companies, there are no assurances that the operations of these businesses will enhance our future financial condition. To the extent that a business we acquire does not meet the performance criteria used to establish a purchase price, some or all of the goodwill related to that acquisition or a write down of assets acquired could be charged against our future earnings, if any.

Risks Related to Doing Business in China

We may be unable to enforce our rights due to policies regarding the regulation of foreign investments in China.

The PRC's legal system is a civil law system based on written statutes in which decided legal cases have little value as precedent, unlike the common law system prevalent in the United States. There are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of Chinese laws and regulations, including but not limited to the laws and regulations governing our business, or the enforcement and performance of our investment agreements with the minority shareholders and management of our subsidiaries, arrangements with customers in the event of the imposition of statutory liens, death, bankruptcy and criminal proceedings. The Chinese government has been developing a comprehensive system of commercial laws, and considerable progress has been made in introducing laws and regulations dealing with economic matters such as foreign investment, corporate organization and governance, commerce, taxation and trade. However, because these laws and regulations are relatively new, and because of the limited volume of published cases and judicial interpretation and their lack of force as precedents, interpretation and enforcement of these laws and regulations involve significant uncertainties. New laws and regulations that affect existing and proposed future businesses may also be applied retroactively. We are considered a foreign invested enterprise under Chinese laws, and as a result, we must comply with Chinese laws and regulations.

We cannot predict what effect the interpretation of existing or new Chinese laws or regulations may have on our business. If the relevant authorities find us to be in violation of Chinese laws or regulations, they would have broad discretion in dealing with such a violation, including, without limitation: levying fines; revoking our business and other licenses; requiring that we restructure our ownership or operations; and requiring that we discontinue any portion or all of our business. The PRC does not have a well-developed, consolidated body of laws governing foreign investment enterprises. As a result, the administration of laws and regulations by government agencies may be subject to considerable discretion and variation, and may be subject to influence by external forces unrelated to the legal merits of a particular matter. The PRC's regulations and policies with respect to foreign investments are evolving. Definitive regulations and policies with respect to such matters as the permissible percentage of foreign investment and permissible rates of equity returns have not yet been published. Statements regarding these evolving policies have been conflicting and any such policies, as administered, are likely to be subject to broad interpretation and discretion and to be modified, perhaps on a case-by-case basis. The uncertainties regarding such regulations and policies present risks which may affect our ability to achieve our stated business objectives. Also, if we are unable to enforce any legal rights we may have under our agreements or otherwise with the noncontrolling shareholders of our subsidiaries, our ability to control their operations could be limited. Any significant limitation on our ability to control the operations of our subsidiaries could result in a loss of our investment which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to environmental and safety regulations, which may increase our compliance costs and reduce our overall profitability.

We are subject to the requirements of environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations in the PRC. In addition, in March 2011, the MIIT announced new conditions regarding magnesium producers in an effort to, among other things, moderate the environmental impact of magnesium production. These initiatives include, but are not limited to minimum annual production capacity requirements and standards for environmental quality and discharge of pollutants in the PRC and potential forced shutdown of inefficient or small producers with capacity of less than 15,000 tons annually. While we believe that we are in compliance with all applicable governmental regulations, we may incur substantial costs or liabilities in connection with these requirements that could reduce our overall profitability. The capital requirements and other expenditures that may be necessary to comply with environmental requirements could increase and become a significant expense and have a material adverse effect on

our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Substantially all of our assets and operations are located in the PRC and are subject to changes resulting from the political and economic policies of the Chinese government.

Our business operations could be restricted by the political environment in the PRC. The PRC has operated as a socialist state since 1949 and is controlled by the Communist Party of the PRC. In recent years, however, the government has introduced reforms aimed at creating a socialist market economy and policies have been implemented to allow business enterprises greater autonomy in their operations. Changes in the political leadership of the PRC may have a significant effect on laws and policies related to the current economic reform programs, other policies affecting business and the general political, economic and social environment in the PRC, including the introduction of measures to moderate the environmental impact of manufacturing businesses, control inflation, changes in the rate or method of taxation, the imposition of additional restrictions on currency conversion and remittances abroad, and foreign investment. Moreover, economic reforms and growth in the PRC have been more successful in certain provinces than in others, and the continuation or increases of such disparities could affect the political or social stability of the PRC.

Although we believe that the economic reform and the macroeconomic measures adopted by the Chinese government have had a positive effect on the economic development of the PRC, the future direction of these economic reforms is uncertain and the uncertainty may decrease the attractiveness of our company as an investment, which may in turn result in a decline in the trading price of our common stock.

We cannot assure you that the current Chinese policies of economic reform will continue. Because of this uncertainty, there are significant economic risks associated with doing business in China.

Although the majority of productive assets in the PRC are owned by the Chinese government, in the past several years the government has implemented economic reform measures that emphasize decentralization and encourages private economic activity. In keeping with these economic reform policies, the PRC has been openly promoting business development in order to bring more business into the PRC. Because these economic reform measures may be inconsistent or ineffective, there are no assurances that:

- the Chinese government will continue its pursuit of economic reform policies;
- the economic policies, even if pursued, will be successful;
- economic policies will not be significantly altered from time to time; or
- business operations in the PRC will not become subject to the risk of nationalization.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to capitalize on these economic reforms, assuming the reforms continue. Because our business model is dependent in large part upon the continued economic reform and growth in the PRC, any change in Chinese government policy could materially adversely affect our ability to continue to implement our business model. The PRC's economy has experienced significant growth in the past decade, but such growth has been uneven across geographic and economic sectors and has recently been slowing. Even if the Chinese government continues its policies of economic reform, there are no assurances that economic growth in that country will continue or that we will be able to take advantage of these opportunities in a fashion that will provide financial benefit to us.

The Chinese government exerts substantial influence over the manner in which our Chinese subsidiaries must conduct our business activities.

The PRC only recently has permitted provincial and local economic autonomy and private economic activities. The government of the PRC has exercised and continues to exercise substantial control over virtually every sector of the Chinese economy through regulation and state ownership. Accordingly, government actions in the future, including any decision not to continue to support recent economic reforms and to return to a more centrally planned economy or regional or local variations in the implementation of economic policies, could have a significant effect on economic conditions in the PRC or particular regions of the PRC, and could require us to divest ourselves of any interest we then hold in our Chinese subsidiaries.

We face risks related to natural disasters and health epidemics in China, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our business could be materially adversely affected by natural disasters or the outbreak of health epidemics in China. For example, in May 2008, Sichuan Province suffered a strong earthquake measuring approximately 8.0 on the Richter scale that caused widespread damage and casualties. In addition, in the last decade, the PRC has suffered health epidemics related to the outbreak of avian influenza and severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS. In April 2009, an outbreak of the H1N1 virus, also commonly referred to as "swine flu," occurred in Mexico and has spread to other countries. Cases of swine flu have been reported in Hong Kong and mainland China. The Chinese government, and certain regional governments within the PRC, have enacted regulations to address the H1N1 virus, which may have an effect on our business. If the outbreak of swine flu were to become widespread in China or increase in severity, it could have an adverse effect on economic activity in China, and could require the temporary closure of our production facilities or offices. Such events could severely disrupt our business operations and harm our results of operations. Any future natural disasters or health epidemics in the PRC could also have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Labor laws in the PRC may adversely affect our results of operations.

On June 29, 2007, the PRC government promulgated a new labor law, namely the Labor Contract Law of the PRC, or the New Labor Contract Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. The New Labor Contract Law imposes greater liabilities on employers and significantly affects the cost of an employer's decision to reduce its workforce. Further, it requires certain terminations be based upon seniority and not merit. In the event we decide to significantly change or decrease our workforce, the New Labor Contract Law could adversely affect our ability to enact such changes in a manner that is most advantageous to our business or in a timely and cost-effective manner, thus materially adversely affecting our financial condition and results of operations.

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Restrictions on currency exchange may limit our ability to receive and use our revenues effectively. We may not have ready access to cash on deposit in banks in the PRC.

Because a substantial portion of our revenues are in the form of RMB, any future restrictions on currency exchanges may limit our ability to use revenue generated in RMB to fund any future business activities outside the PRC or to make dividend or other payments in U.S. dollars. Although the Chinese government introduced regulations in 1996 to allow greater convertibility of the RMB for current account transactions, significant restrictions still remain, including primarily the restriction that foreign-invested enterprises may only buy, sell or remit foreign currencies, after providing valid commercial documents, at those banks authorized to conduct foreign exchange business. In addition, conversion of RMB for capital account items, including direct investment and loans, is subject to government approval in the PRC, and companies are required to open and maintain separate foreign exchange accounts for capital account items. At September 30, 2011 our PRC subsidiaries had approximately \$3.0 million on deposit in banks in the PRC, which represented approximately 86% of our cash. We cannot be certain that we could have ready access to that cash should we wish to transfer it to bank accounts outside the PRC nor can we be certain that the Chinese regulatory authorities will not impose more stringent restrictions on the convertibility of the RMB, especially with respect to foreign exchange transactions.

Fluctuations in the value of the RMB may have a material adverse effect on your investment.

The change in value of the RMB against the U.S. dollar and other currencies is affected by, among other things, changes in the PRC's political and economic conditions. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its decade-old policy of pegging the value of the RMB to the U.S. dollar. Under the current policy, the RMB is permitted to fluctuate within a narrow and managed band against a basket of certain foreign currencies. Recently, the People's Bank of China has decided to proceed further with reform of the RMB exchange regime and to enhance the RMB exchange rate flexibility. There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt a more flexible currency policy, which could result in a further and more significant adjustment of the RMB against the U.S. dollar.

Any significant revaluation of the RMB may have a material adverse effect on the value of, and any dividends payable on, our stock in foreign currency terms. More specifically, if we decide to convert our RMB into U.S. dollars for the purpose of making payments for dividends on our common stock or for other business purposes, appreciation of the U.S. dollar against the RMB would have a negative effect on the U.S. dollar amount available to us. To the extent that we need to convert U.S. dollars into RMB for our operations, appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar would have an adverse effect on the RMB amount we would receive from the conversion. Consequently, appreciation or depreciation in the value of the RMB relative to the U.S. dollar could materially adversely affect our financial results reported in U.S. dollar terms without giving effect to any underlying change in our business or results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

The market price for shares of our common stock has been and may continue to be highly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations.

The market price for shares of our common stock has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations in the last few years. Some specific factors that may have a significant effect on the future market price of our shares of common stock include:

- actual or expected fluctuations in our operating results;
- variance in our financial performance from the expectations of market analysts;
- changes in general economic conditions or conditions in our industry generally;

- changes in conditions in the financial markets;
- announcements of significant acquisitions or contracts by us or our competitors;
- our inability to raise additional capital;
- changes in applicable laws or regulations, court rulings and enforcement and legal actions;
- additions or departures of key management personnel;
- actions by our shareholders;
- changes in market prices for our products or for our raw materials; and
- changes in stock market analyst research and recommendations regarding the shares of our common stock, other comparable companies or our industry generally.

In addition, the stock market in general, and the market for companies with PRC based operations in particular, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of the affected companies. These broad market and industry factors may materially harm the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class-action litigation has often been instituted against that company. Such litigation, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention and resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

As a result of these and other factors, you may be unable to resell your shares of our common stock at or above the price you paid for such shares.

If we are required to redeem our outstanding shares of Series A convertible preferred stock, our liquidity will be adversely impacted in future periods.

Following the July 2012 delisting of our common stock from The NASDAQ Stock Market, the holders of the shares of our Series A convertible preferred stock with a stated value of \$1,006,250 were entitled to notice of such event, which is referred to as a "trigger event" in the designations, rights and preferences of this series of stock. This trigger event entitles the holders to request that we redeem the shares at a price per share equal to the sum of :

- the greater of (a) 125% of the conversion amount and (b) the product of (i) the conversion rate in effect at the time as the holder delivers a notice of redemption to us and (ii) the greatest closing sale price of the common stock beginning on the date immediately preceding such event of default and ending on the date the holder delivers the notice of redemption,
- the make-whole additional amount per preferred share being redeemed; and
- default interest at the rate of 1.5% per month.

We do not know if any holder will exercise its right to require us to redeem the shares of Series A convertible preferred stock, or, if a redemption is exercised and we do not redeem the shares, require us to adjust the conversion price of the Series A convertible preferred stock. At the holder's option, the holder may also choose to continue to hold the shares of Series A convertible preferred stock so as to take advantage of the 8% annual dividend or convert the shares into shares of our common stock. In the event we are required to redeem the shares of Series A convertible preferred stock our liquidity in future periods will be materially and adversely impacted. If the holders choose to convert the shares into shares of our common stock, the issuance of the shares will be dilutive to our existing common stockholders.

Due to recent Chinese accounting scandals, the price of our common stock might fluctuate significantly and if our stock price drops sharply, we may be subject to shareholder litigation, which could cause our stock price to fall further.

In the past year, there have been well-publicized accounting problems at several U.S.-listed Chinese companies that have resulted in significant drops in the trading prices of their shares and, in some cases, have led to the resignation of outside auditors, trading halts or share delistings by NASDAQ or the New York Stock Exchange, and investigations by the Division of Enforcement of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The scandals have had a broad effect on Chinese companies with shares listed or quoted in the United States. Because a substantial portion of our operations are based in the PRC, past or future accounting scandals in other Chinese companies could have a material adverse effect on the market for shares of our common stock and the interest of investors in our company or generally in PRC companies. In this event, the fluctuations in the market prices of our common stock could result in decreased liquidity

and/or declining stock prices unrelated to our results of operation or business.

Our common stock is quoted in the over the counter market on the OTC Markets.

Our common stock is quoted in the over-the-counter market on the OTC Markets. The OTC Markets (formerly, the Pink Sheets) offers a quotation service to companies that are unable to list their securities on an exchange or for companies, such as ours, whose securities are not listed on an exchange or quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board. The requirements for quotation on the OTC Markets are less regulated than those of the OTC Bulletin Board or an exchange. Because our common stock is quoted on the OTC Markets, it is possible that even fewer brokers or dealers would be interested in making a market in our common stock which further adversely impacts its liquidity.

The tradability of our common stock could be limited under the penny stock regulations which may cause the holders of our common stock difficulty should they wish to sell the shares.

Because the quoted price of our common stock is less than \$5.00 per share, our common stock could be considered a “penny stock,” and trading in our common stock could be subject to the requirements of Rule 15c-9 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under this rule, broker/dealers who recommend low-priced securities to persons other than established customers and accredited investors must satisfy special sales practice requirements. The broker/dealer must make an individualized written suitability determination for the purchaser and receive the purchaser’s written consent prior to the transaction. SEC regulations also require additional disclosure in connection with any trades involving a “penny stock,” including the delivery, prior to any penny stock transaction, of a disclosure schedule explaining the penny stock market and its associated risks. These requirements severely limit the liquidity of securities in the secondary market because few broker or dealers are likely to undertake these compliance activities and this limited liquidity will make it more difficult for an investor to sell his shares of our common stock in the secondary market should the investor wish to liquidate the investment.

ITEM UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

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Not applicable to a smaller reporting company.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

Our principal executive offices are located in Deerfield Beach, Florida. We lease approximately 12,600 square feet of office space for an annual expense of approximately \$358,000 under a lease agreement which expires in January 2019.

Our subsidiary Chang Magnesium owns a magnesium facility capable of producing 10,000 metric tons of pure magnesium per year located on approximately 250,000 square feet of land located in the Aluminum & Magnesium Industrial Park in Yangqu County, of the Shangxi Province, China. The land use rights are owned by Taiyuan Sanding Coal Gasification Co., Ltd. and Chang Magnesium has been granted the land use rights through 2020 at no cost. In March 2012 we ceased production at this facility and impaired it as discussed later in this report.

Our Golden Magnesium subsidiary owns and operates a magnesium facility capable of producing 12,000 metric tons of pure magnesium per year located on approximately 1,068,117 square feet of land located in Yueyang, of Gu County, in the Shanxi Province, China. The land use rights expire in January 2061.

Our Baotou Changxin Magnesium subsidiary owns and operates a magnesium facility capable of producing 24,000 metric tons of pure magnesium per year located on approximately 406,000 square feet of land located in the Shiguai district of Baotou city, in Inner Mongolia. Baotou Changxin Magnesium occupies this land pursuant to an asset acquisition agreement entered into with Baotou Sanhe Magnesium Co., Ltd. to acquire the land use rights for this property, among other assets. The land use rights expire in May 2045. In September 2012 we discontinued Baotou Changxin Magnesium’s operations. The value of this facility is reflected on our balance sheet at September 30, 2012 under assets held for sale.

Our DEI Jixiang Metal subsidiary has a land lease agreement with a Yanjing County Government agency for approximately 96,000 square feet of land on which expires on January 12, 2016. We have paid \$7,878 for 10 years rent through January 2016 under this land lease agreement.

Our CDI Metal subsidiary operates from a 14,000 square foot manufacturing and office space located at 1258 Nangang Road, Nanhui District, Shanghai, China. The term of the lease is from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2017 for a commitment of approximately \$17,000 annually.

Our CDI Beijing subsidiary leases an approximately 2,009 square foot office space located in Beijing, China for an annual expense of approximately \$25,726 that expires in June 2014.

Our subsidiary CDI Shanghai Management leases approximately 2,981 square feet of office space in Shanghai for an annual expense of approximately \$105,182 (RMB 686,700) per year. The lease expires on December 31, 2012.

Our Ruiming Magnesium subsidiary owns and operates a magnesium facility located on approximately a total of 414,308 square feet of land located in Shagou Village, Yangqu County of Taiyuan City Shanxi Province, China. Ruiming Magnesium occupies the land on which this facility is located pursuant to two land use rights agreements one of which is held by Ruiming Magnesium and one held by Shanxi Tongbao Investment Group Co., Ltd. The land use agreement held by Shanxi Tongbao Investment Group Co., Ltd. will be transferred to Ruiming Magnesium pursuant to the terms of the Equity Transfer Agreement dated July 13, 2010 entered into among CDI China, Inc., Pine Capital Enterprises, Inc., Taiyuan Yiwei Magnesium Industry Co., Ltd. and Taiyuan Ruiming Yiwei Magnesium Industry Co., Ltd. The land use rights agreement held by Ruiming Magnesium covers approximately 208,534 square feet of land and expires in February 2052. The land use rights agreement held by Shanxi Tongbao Investment Group Co., Ltd. covers approximately 205,774 square feet of land and expires in February 2052.

Our Golden Trust Magnesium subsidiary owns and operates a magnesium facility capable of producing 20,000 metric tons of pure magnesium per year located on approximately 502,000 square feet of land located in the Loudong Industrial Park of Xiaoyi City, Shanxi Province in China. There are no land use rights or land leases on this facility. Our Lingshi Magnesium subsidiary owns and operates a magnesium facility capable of producing 12,000 metric tons of pure magnesium per year located on approximately 902,000 square feet of land located in Zhijiazhuang Village of Lingshi County in Shanxi Province, China. Lingshi Magnesium occupies this land pursuant to an approval from the Jinyang Municipal Government. The land use rights expire in May 2045.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Our wholly owned subsidiary CDII Trading and our company are involved in the following litigation with Sunskar, Ltd. and its agents (“Sunskar”):

Sunskar filed a petition, as amended, to compel our company and CDII Trading to arbitration in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1, et seq. and New York Convention, 9 U.S.C. §201, et. seq. in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (Case No. 11CV2499) (the “New York District Court Litigation”). The petition alleges that CD International and CDII Trading breached an agreement for the charter of a vessel owned by Sunskar and seeks damages in excess of \$1,000,000 as a result of our alleged breach of the agreement. On November 3, 2011, the Court issued an order granting Sunskar’s petition to compel arbitration against CDII Trading, denied the petition to compel arbitration against CD International and stayed the federal court action pending completion of the arbitration.

A maritime arbitration proceeding was brought by Sunskar against CDII Trading in New York, New York under the Maritime Arbitration Rules seeking an award of Sunskar’s attorney’s fees and costs incurred in the New York District Court Litigation of \$67,845 and damages and attorney’s fees and arbitration costs of \$1,077,308 (the “Arbitration Claim”). On February 8, 2012, the panel in the arbitration proceeding found that Sunskar had presented a prima facie case of repudiation of contract and its entitlement to damages against CDII Trading. The panel noted Sunskar’s claim for damages, interest, fees and costs exceeds \$1 million and directed CDII Trading to post security in the amount of \$850,000 in a form reasonably acceptable to Sunskar no later than March 9, 2012 as a source of funds in the event Sunskar is successful on the merits.

On March 8, 2012, CDII Trading and Alex Friedberg filed an action against David Christian Wold, Sunskar and Skaarup Shipping Corporation in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (Case No.12-60547-CIV-DIMITROULEAS/SNOW) alleging that they made fraudulent and negligent misrepresentations to CDII Trading and Friedberg in regards to the charter of a vessel owned by Sunskar. On May 23, 2012 the District Court entered an order approving CDII Trading’s notice of voluntary dismissal without prejudice in this case and on August 9, 2012 the District Court granted the defendants motion to dismiss the case as to Mr. Friedberg’s claims. The Court retained jurisdiction to entertain a motion for sanctions.

On March 9, 2012, CDII Trading filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Florida (the “Bankruptcy Court”) for relief under Chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the case In re CDII Trading, Inc., Case No. 12-15810 JKO (the “Bankruptcy Case”). CDII Trading’s filing of its voluntary petition operated as a stay of the continuation of the New York District Court Litigation and the Arbitration Claim. On April 11, 2012 the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case was converted to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

On September 24, 2012 the Bankruptcy Court entered an order (the “Order Approving Settlement Agreement”) approving a June 10, 2012 settlement agreement, as amended on August 23, 2012 (collectively, the “Settlement Agreement”) among CD International Enterprises, Inc. and its subsidiaries, CDI China, Inc., China Direct Investments, Inc., and International Magnesium Group, Inc. (collectively, the “CD Affiliates”) and Sonya Salkin, the Trustee on behalf of CDII Trading in the Bankruptcy Case. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the CD Affiliates, jointly and severally, agreed to purchase all of the assets of CDII Trading which includes all contractual rights to purchase iron ore and any surplus property in the estate after a final determination and payment of creditor claims. The CD Affiliates also retained all their rights to object and contest the claims filed in the Bankruptcy Case, including the claims of Sunskar, Ltd. and Trafigura Beheer, N.V. The Settlement Agreement also provides for a release of all claims of the Trustee regarding the Bankruptcy Case against the CD Affiliates. In exchange for these rights, the CD Affiliates agreed to pay the estate in Bankruptcy Case \$1,200,000, of which, \$695,833.33 has been paid and a balance of \$504,166.67 is payable in 11 consecutive monthly installments of \$45,833.33 on December 31, 2012 and each consecutive month thereafter until paid. Should the CD Affiliates be successful in any efforts to object and contest any of the claims, currently totaling \$1.34 million, any monies remaining in the estate after payment of claims and administrative costs shall be returned to the CD Affiliates. There can be no assurance, however, that the CD Affiliates will be successful in their efforts to object to these claims. In the event the CD Affiliates fail to make any payment due or default under any term or condition under the Settlement Agreement, subject to a cure period, the Trustee shall be entitled to a judgment of \$3,243,000 against the CD Affiliates, jointly and severally.

In addition, on October 9, 2012, the Bankruptcy Court entered a temporary bar order (the “Temporary Bar Order”) that, subject to certain exclusions provided for in the order, prohibits any person from taking any legal action against the CD Affiliates for all matters arising out of any involvement of the CD Affiliates in transactions, acts, or events in any manner related to CDII Trading or its bankruptcy estate including those actions in the nature of alter ego or “veil piercing” which belong to the Trustee. The Temporary Bar Order remains in effect until (i) an uncured default by the CD Affiliates under the Settlement Agreement, (ii) the final adjudication of Sunskar’s claim, or (iii) a subsequent order of the Bankruptcy Court, whichever occurs first.

In October 2012, Sunskar filed a Notice of Appeal of the Order Approving Settlement Agreement and the Temporary Bar Order.

Other than as described above, we believe there are currently no litigation or legal or administrative proceedings pending against us that are likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our business or our results of operations and, to our knowledge, none of our officers, directors or principal shareholders are party to any legal proceeding in which they have an interest adverse to us.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE.

Not applicable to our operations.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

Our common stock has been quoted in the over-the-counter markets on the OTCQB Tier of the OTC Markets under the symbol CDII since July 2012, and prior to that our common stock was listed on NASDAQ Global Market from May 1, 2008 until July 2012. The following table sets forth the reported high and low closing prices for our common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market and on the OTCQB for the periods presented. These prices do not include retail mark-ups, markdowns or commissions, and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

	High	Low
Fiscal 2011		
First quarter	\$ 2.22	\$ 1.10
Second quarter	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.17
Third quarter	\$ 1.42	\$ 0.85
Fourth quarter	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.76
Fiscal 2012		
First quarter	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.68
Second quarter	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.75
Third quarter	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.26
Fourth quarter	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.18

As of December 19, 2012 there were approximately 22 shareholders of record of our common stock. The number of record holders does not include beneficial owners of common stock whose shares are held in the names of banks, brokers, nominees or other fiduciaries.

Transfer Agent

Our transfer agent is Computershare Trust Company, Inc. which is located at 350 Indiana Street Suite 800, Golden, CO 80401. The phone number is (303) 262-0600 and its website is www.computershare.com.

Dividends

We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. Payment of dividends will be within the sole discretion of our Board of Directors, subject to any preference rights of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, and will depend, among other factors, upon our earnings, capital requirements and our operating and financial condition. In addition, under Florida law, we may declare and pay dividends on our capital stock either out of our surplus, as defined in the relevant Florida statutes, or if there is no such surplus, out of our net profits for the year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding year. If, however, the capital of our company computed in accordance with the relevant Florida statutes, has been diminished by depreciation in the value of our property, or by losses, or otherwise, to an amount less than the aggregate amount of the capital represented by the issued and outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets, we are prohibited from declaring and paying out of such net profits and dividends upon any shares of our capital stock until the deficiency in the amount of capital represented by the issued and outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets shall have been repaired.

Recent Sales Of Unregistered Securities

On June 6, 2012, we issued 180,494 shares of our common stock valued at \$0.35 per share for a total of \$63,173 to Zhidong Zhao for legal services provided. On September 12, 2012, we issued an additional 740,000 shares of our common stock valued at \$0.20 per share for a total of \$148,000 to Mr. Zhao for legal services provided. These shares of our common stock were issued in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. In addition, the recipient a sophisticated investor and had access to information normally provided in a prospectus regarding us.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

Not applicable for a smaller reporting company.

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION.

The following discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial condition and results of operations for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and other information presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

OVERVIEW OF OUR OPERATIONS

Our Business

We are a U.S. company that manages a portfolio of entities in China and the Americas. We also provide business and financial consulting services to public and private American and Chinese businesses. We operate in three identifiable segments: Magnesium, Basic Materials, and Consulting.

Historically, our Magnesium segment has represented our largest segment by assets and revenues. We manufacture and sell pure magnesium and related by-products sourced and produced in China. We also purchase and resell magnesium products sourced and produced in China by third parties. Magnesium is the lightest and strongest of the structural metals; it is one fourth the weight of steel, two fifths the weight of titanium and two thirds the weight of aluminum. Magnesium is used in a variety of markets and applications due to the physical and mechanical properties of the element and its alloys. Magnesium ingots are the feedstock for the manufacturing process of titanium and aluminum alloying. Magnesium powder and granules are used as a desulphurizer that removes sulfur in the production process of steel. Additionally, various types of magnesium alloys which are produced from the pure magnesium ingots are used in aircraft, automobile parts, and in electronic equipment such as computers, cameras and cellular phones. As described elsewhere herein, in February 29, 2012, we completed the acquisition of 100% of Golden Trust and 80% of Lingshi Magnesium. Golden Trust and Lingshi Magnesium are both engaged in the production of pure magnesium ingots. We have added approximately 20,000 metric tons of annual production capacity from Golden Trust and approximately 12,000 metric tons of annual production capacity from Lingshi Magnesium, bringing our total magnesium production capacity to approximately 90,000 metric tons. Additionally, and as discussed elsewhere herein, in September 2012 we impaired two magnesium facilities, Baotou Changxin Magnesium and Chang Magnesium due to continuous operating stoppages resulting from high cost of production and poor market economic conditions.

Our Basic Materials segment engages in the sale and distribution of basic resources within China and the global purchase and sale of industrial commodities in the Americas which includes mineral ores and non-ferrous metals. As described elsewhere in this report, in September 2012 we sold our majority interest in Lang Chemical and in October 2012 we sold our interest in CDI Beijing. While revenues in prior periods from CDI Beijing were not material to our operations, Lang Chemical's assets represented substantially all of the assets in this segment. This disposition is consistent with our strategy to streamline our investment and assets in China committed to this segment due to poor performance over the past fiscal year and realign our investments to our industrial commodities business in the Americas to maximize our profits and cash flow over the next fiscal year and beyond.

Our Consulting segment provides services to public and private American and Chinese entities seeking access to the U.S. and Chinese capital markets. These services include general business consulting, Chinese regulatory advice, translation services, formation of entities in the PRC, coordination of professional resources, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances and partnerships, advice on effective means of accessing U.S. capital markets, coordination of Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, and corporate asset evaluations.

OUR OUTLOOK

A significant portion of our business and operations are in China and, accordingly, its national economy plays a significant role in our results of operations. China's gross domestic product growth (GDP) rate slowed to approximately 7.4% in the third quarter of calendar year 2012, down from 7.6% in the second calendar quarter of 2012, and down from 8.1% in the first quarter, as compared to the same period in calendar 2011, which is the lowest rate since the second calendar quarter of 2009 as the European debt crisis and weaker demand has put the global economic recovery in jeopardy and pushed China's export-driven manufacturing activities to its lowest levels in the past three years. The 7.4% GDP growth in the third calendar quarter of 2012 reflected a combination of weak demand from abroad, flagging investment at home, and insufficient spending by China's households to pick up the slack. Furthermore, China's housing market and particularly its real estate construction market experienced a significant correction due to a tighter regulatory environment, bank lending curbs, and slower demand during fiscal 2012. In response to this slowdown, China's Central Bank cut the nation's commercial banks' reserve requirement ratio by 0.5 percentage point, the first such cut since December 2008, and in June 2012 cut the interest rate twice, in order to provide additional liquidity for commercial lending. This represents a significant shift in China's economic policy signaling that China has put economic growth at the top of its agenda, rather than concerns about inflation.

China's import fell 2.6% year-on-year in August 2012 while exports grew a lackluster 2.7% over the same period. The poor export growth reading in August of 2012 confirmed the weakness of the export sector in China's economy. Profits at China's major industrial enterprises fell more steeply in August 2012, extending the decline into a fifth straight month as earnings were dragged down by the continued slowdown in economic growth and rising labor costs.

During fiscal 2012, the overall economic environment, particularly in China, showed no improvement, and our Basic Materials segment continued to struggle with slower customer demand due to tightened credit conditions in China impacting customer financing needs to purchase our products. We still face a number of challenges in continuing the growth of our business, which is primarily tied to the overall health of the global economy. During this fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 and into fiscal 2013, we also intend to realign our investments, and streamline and restructure our operations in China, in our Basic Materials segment, as we shift our business and strategic focus in the Basic Materials segment to the expansion of our industrial commodities sourcing and distribution business in the Americas. As discussed above, we sold our 51% interest in Lang Chemical for \$1.2 million in late September of 2012 and in October 2012 we also sold our 51% interest in CDI Beijing for \$1.6 million as part of our streamline steps and restructuring strategy to redirect our investments to our industrial commodities in the Americas so as to maximize our profits and cash flow during the coming years.

Two additional events during fiscal 2012 have the ability to adversely impact our overall business and operations. The NASDAQ Stock Market notified us of the delisting of our common stock. Our common stock was delisted on July 11, 2012 and is now quoted in the over-the-counter market on the OTCQB Tier of the OTC Markets. This occurrence will make our ability to raise capital in future periods much more difficult and will adversely impact our shareholders' liquidity in our common stock. The second event is the bankruptcy of our CDII Trading subsidiary which is described in greater detail elsewhere in this report.

Information On Trends Impacting Our Reporting Segments Follows:

Magnesium segment.

According to the International Magnesium Association (IMA), an industry trade group, from January 2012 to July 2012 (most recent available data) China's domestic magnesium exports totaled approximately 228,000 metric tons, down 12.2% compared to the same period in 2011. This downward trend has persisted for the past three quarters of 2012. Furthermore, according to statistics by the General Administration of Customs in China, as published by China Minor Metals, China's export of magnesium products fell by approximately 31,000 metric tons in May of 2012, down 9.6% on a year to year basis. The May figure was 10.6% lower than the volume in April 2012 and was the third consecutive month to see a decline. In recent months, particularly in the months of October 2012 and November 2012, we have seen some improvement in the export growth as China continues to emerge from its economic slowdown during the past year.

During fiscal 2012, our Magnesium segment produced, sold or distributed approximately 36,808 metric tons of magnesium products, including 853 metric tons of magnesium powder, generating revenues of \$102.2 million. During fiscal 2011, our Magnesium segment produced, sold or distributed approximately 36,637 metric tons of magnesium products, including 3,484 metric tons of magnesium powder, generating revenues of \$98.8 million.

Our average magnesium sales price over fiscal 2012 was approximately \$2,696 per metric ton, compared to an average magnesium sales price of approximately \$2,703 per metric ton for fiscal 2011. Magnesium prices incrementally improved over the course of fiscal 2011 reflecting an improved worldwide demand pattern during the first three quarters of calendar 2011, characterized by a gradual increase in prices driven by an increased demand from the global aerospace, automotive and consumer electronics sectors. This was followed by a softening in overall demand beginning in October 2011, which has continued through the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, mostly due to renewed concerns over the European debt crisis, tightening credit availability in China forcing domestic competitors to liquidate inventory to raise cash balances and a general slowdown in China manufacturing activities. As a result, we built additional inventory in the quarter in anticipation of an improvement in demand in the fourth quarter of calendar

2012 and into 2013. Additionally, we impaired two magnesium facilities, Baotou Changxin Magnesium and Chang Magnesium, in the fourth quarter of 2012 for a total of \$21.0 million in impairment charges, \$3.8 million charge to operations for Chang Magnesium and \$17.2 million to discontinued operations for Baotou Changxin Magnesium. The Baotou Changxin Magnesium facility was reported separately under discontinued operations in our consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this report since this facility will no longer be used in the future.

Based on the current trends and quoting activities, and indications from the economic activities worldwide, we believe that magnesium demand and prices will begin to increase progressively in the last quarter of calendar 2012 and into 2013. Further, we believe that the long term industry trends for magnesium are favorable and will allow us to rapidly ramp up our production to capitalize on expected growth during fiscal 2013. We intend to continue with our strategic plan to further streamline and consolidate our own production capacity subject to the availability of additional capital.

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Basic Materials Segment.

During fiscal 2012, we experienced much lower demand for our products in this segment in our China market sector, primarily due to tightened credit conditions in China impacting our customers' ability to obtain financing to purchase our products. Furthermore, the overall domestic market for our products in the Basic Material segment continued its downtrend during fiscal 2012, resulting in a weaker business environment in both our specialty chemicals and construction steel related sales. For fiscal 2012, there were basically nominal revenues from our specialty chemical and steel related product sales and gross margins which were netted with related costs and included in discontinued operations as compared to the same period in fiscal 2011. Our comparative financials for fiscal 2012 and 2011 have been adjusted to reclassify from this segment operations into discontinued operations the disposition of Lang Chemical and CDI Beijing which were our main subsidiaries in the Basic Materials segment.

As a result of the substantial economic slowdown and lack of new sales in the domestic market in China for our specialty chemicals and steel related products, we disposed of the two main subsidiaries in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, which have negatively impacted this segment over fiscal 2012, namely Lang Chemical and CDI Beijing, as previously discussed, and have further realigned our capital investment in these businesses toward our industrial commodities and distribution business in the Americas in order to maximize our revenues, gross profit, and cash flow in this segment in fiscal 2013 and in future years.

In fiscal 2012, we experienced delays in completing a shipment out of Mexico due to a longer than expected timeframe to receive environmental permits needed to process the iron ore to meet our customer's specifications and necessary export approvals. During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we applied for and received the required environmental permits to process iron ore, however, we are still waiting for the approval to export. We are also exploring opportunities for domestic sales. Our operations in Chile experienced shipping delays due to a longer than expected timeframe to receive port authority approval to export the iron ore. During the third quarter of fiscal 2012 we also worked to establish new relationships with suppliers/exporters. One of our suppliers/exporters received port authority approval for shipment during the fourth quarter and we expect to begin revenue generation during fiscal 2013. In Bolivia, we established new relationships with a supplier and are working with an engineering specialist to further strengthen our sourcing capabilities and a logistics provider to meet our inland transportation needs.

In fiscal 2013 and future years, the Basic Material segment will be driven by our industrial commodities business in South America. Our China market presence in chemicals and steel related construction products have been disposed as of the end of fiscal 2012, as previously discussed.

Consulting Segment.

We believe demand for our consulting services will improve in fiscal 2013. In September of 2011, we launched a marketing initiative for our new One-Stop China Value™ program in an effort to capitalize on the current environment. This program is designed to implement a broad range of strategies to enhance and maximize shareholder value for China-based U.S. public companies. Other marketing plans include sponsoring trade symposiums, investment forums, and forming strategic alliances with industry and trade associations.

GOING CONCERN

Our financial statements have been prepared assuming we will continue as a going concern. For fiscal 2012 we reported a net loss of \$53.3 which is primarily attributable to the impact of discontinued operations primarily related to Basic Materials and Magnesium segments and one-time impairment charges in the Magnesium and Consulting segments. This, among other operational issues, raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going

concern. Our financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As described elsewhere in this report, during the fourth quarter of 2012 we sold our interests in Lang Chemical and CDI Beijing and discontinued the operations of CDI Jingkun Zinc and CDI Jixiang Metal, all of which were part of our Basic Materials segment. In addition, in the fourth quarter of 2012, we discontinued the operations of Baotou Changxin Magnesium which was part of our Magnesium segment and also took an impairment charge for Chang Magnesium. The results of operations of each of these entities, and all related costs of revenues and operating expenses, for fiscal 2012 and 2011 are included in discontinued operations appearing on consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) appearing later in this report.

Summary of Selected Consolidated Financial Information

(Dollars in thousands)	Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2012		2011		% Increase (Decrease)
	Amount	% of Revenues	Amount	% of Revenues	
Magnesium segment	\$ 102,229	90%	\$ 98,820	81%	3%
Basic Materials segment	0.8	0%	4,294	3%	(100%)
Consulting segment	11,828	10%	19,007	16%	(38%)
Consolidated Revenues	\$ 114,058	100%	\$ 122,121	100%	(7%)
Cost of revenues	102,528	90%	105,630	86%	(3%)
Gross profit	11,530	10%	16,491	14%	(30%)
Total operating expenses	19,859	17%	9,558	8%	107%
Total operating (loss) income	\$ (8,329)	(7%)	\$ 6,933	6%	(220%)

Analysis of Operating Results by Segment

A summary of our comparative operating results by segment for the twelve months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, follows:

Magnesium Segment (Dollars in thousands)	Twelve months ended September 30,		Increase (Decrease)
	2012	2011	