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FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2011

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

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Apollo Solar Energy, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada	84-0601802
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

No. 485 Tengfei Third,  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: +86 (28) 8562-3888

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None  
Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, \$.001 par value.

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Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
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required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. 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 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.

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant on June 30, 2011 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), was \$20,336,701 based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock on the OTC Bulletin Board of \$1.90 per share.

There were 51,795,961 shares of common stock outstanding as of May 15, 2012.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: None.

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## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information contained in this Form 10-K, including in the documents incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K, includes some statements that are not purely historical and that are “forward-looking statements.” Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the Company and its management’s expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future, including its financial condition, and results of operations. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. The words “anticipates,” “believes,” “continue,” “could,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “might,” “plans,” “possible,” “potential,” “predicts,” “should,” “will,” “would” and similar expressions, or the negatives of such terms, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

The forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-K are based on current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and the potential effects on our Company’s business. There can be no assurance that future developments actually affecting us will be those anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements, including the following:

- Vulnerability of our Company’s business to general economic downturns;
- Fluctuation and unpredictability of costs related to the precious metals and other commodities used to make our products;
- Changes in the laws of the People’s Republic of China, or the PRC, that affect our operations;
- Competition from our competitors;
- Any recurrence of earthquakes in the areas where we operate;
- Our ability to obtain all necessary government certifications and/or licenses to conduct our business;
- Development of a public trading market for our securities;
- The cost of complying with current and future governmental regulations and the impact of any changes in the regulations on our operations;
- Fluctuation of the foreign currency exchange rate between U.S. Dollars and Renminbi, or RMB, the lawful currency of China; and
- The other factors referenced in this Form 10-K, including, without limitation, under the sections entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and “Business.”



These risks and uncertainties, along with others, are also described below under Item 1A, "Risk Factors." Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "we," the "Company," "us," or "Apollo" refers to Apollo Solar Energy, Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries and variable interest entities.

## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### Overview

We are a China-based vertically integrated refiner of tellurium, or Te, and high-purity tellurium-based metals for specific segments of the electronic materials market. Our main expertise is in the production of Te-based compounds used to produce thin-film solar cells, cell modules and solar electronic products. While no reserves under the SEC's Industry Guide 7 can currently be delineated at our properties, we believe that the tellurium to be used in our products in the future will be primarily sourced from our Dashuigou project located in Sichuan Province, PRC. In addition, we expect to source tellurium from another property in Shimian, Majiagou, PRC, through variable interest entity agreements, or the VIE Agreements, executed in April, 2009, with Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation and certain of its shareholders holding 51.6619% of its voting stock, which shareholders are our direct or indirect employees. Under the terms of the VIE Agreements, we have been granted the exclusive exploration and mining rights to these two projects in accordance with a license granted by the Chinese government, which extends through January, 2013 for mining activities at our Dashuigou property, through May 2013 for mining activities at our Majiagou property, and through January 2013. for exploration activities at our Dashuigou property, subject to potential renewal thereafter.

Currently, tellurium is produced as a by-product in the process of processing copper and other metals. As a result, costs are high. We believe that the Dashuigou and Majiagou projects are the only two known deposits in the world in which tellurium, one of the rarest metallic elements on earth, is the primary commodity of economic interest. By the end of 2012, we plan to obtain approximately 50% to 60% of the tellurium necessary for our products from the Dashuigou and Majiagou projects and believe this ability to be a significant competitive advantage because the cost of tellurium sourced from our own properties will be substantially lower than that purchased from an outside third party. We will source the remaining 40% to 50% of our tellurium needs from third-party suppliers with whom we have established good business relationships over the past few years. By vertically integrating our processes, we believe we are able to achieve significant operating efficiencies and produce high-quality products that offer cost and quality benefits to our customers. Currently, we are able to procure raw materials from the Dashuigou and Majiagou projects at a significant discount to prevailing market price.

Our refining operations are currently based in a 330,000 square foot facility in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, PRC. We expect this facility to eventually have the capacity to produce more than 300 tons of high-purity photovoltaic cell materials and 42 other types of electronic materials. Future expansion of this facility in vacant land leased to the Company will have a capacity to produce up to an additional 350 tons of high-purity photovoltaic cell materials.

We are currently in the exploration stage of operations in accordance with the requirements of SEC Industry Guide 7. However, we believe we are unique in that we expect to both mine and refine our tellurium-based products, with primary refining capabilities as provided by Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation pursuant to the VIE Agreements, and secondary refining capabilities directly through our Company. Our primary refining capabilities are such that we can treat metal concentrates (containing, for example, as little as 50% of the metals of interest), and extract and refine the metals of interest so that they can be fed to our secondary refining operations, where we attain a higher level of purity. Because we expect to mine the raw material in the future, and perform both refining functions, both directly and through our VIE Arrangement, we consider ourselves a supplier that will in the future have uniquely integrated capabilities. Our end-products are tellurium, cadmium, zinc and related compounds of 99.999% (five nines, or 5N) purity or above. Our products are critical precursors in a number of electronic applications, including the rapidly-expanding thin-film photovoltaic, or PV, market.

Thin film technologies, because of their relatively low usage of raw materials when compared with traditional silicon-based photovoltaic technologies, offer a potential cost advantage in the marketplace. Accordingly, we believe these technologies are beginning to gain an ever increasing foothold in the market.

#### Our Variable Interest Entity Agreements

As illustrated in the diagram below, we entered into various exclusive contractual arrangements on April 10, 2009 with Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation, or the VIE, and certain of its shareholders who are our direct or indirect employees and who collectively own 51.6619% of the VIE. Among other things, these VIE Agreements granted to our wholly-owned subsidiary a first option to purchase the exploration rights related to the Dashuigou area property and the mining rights related to that certain tellurium and bismuth property in Shimian Majiagou, which rights we collectively referred to as the Exploration Business. Additionally, the VIE and certain of its shareholders who collectively own 51.6619% of the VIE granted to our wholly-owned subsidiary an exclusive right to purchase all of the products produced from the Exploration Business for a specified period of time. As a result, we consolidate the financial results of the VIE related to the Exploration Business pursuant to FASB ASC 810-10, "Consolidation."

(1) Agreements that provide us with effective control over Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Co. Ltd., or the VIE, include a purchase option agreement, a business operations agreement and an exclusive technical and consulting agreement.

The agreements between the VIE and our other affiliated entities or persons are summarized below:

- First Option Exclusive Acquiring Agreement among Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium Industry & Technique Co., Ltd., Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Co., Ltd., Renyi Hou and Ling Yong, which grants to our wholly-owned subsidiary a first option to purchase the Mining Business at such time as the purchase becomes advisable, permissible and in our best interest.
- Exclusive Sales Agreement between Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium Industry & Technique Co., Ltd. and Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Co., Ltd., which grant to our wholly-owned subsidiary the exclusive right to buy all of the output of the Mining Business.
- Business Operation Agreement among Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium Industry & Technique Co., Ltd., Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Co., Ltd., Renyi Hou and Ling Yong, which imposes certain restrictions and obligations on the VIE and certain of its shareholders to support the VIE arrangement, including refraining from competing with our business and modifying the business operations of the VIE without the prior consent of our wholly-owned subsidiary.
- Exclusive Technical and Consulting Agreement between Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium Industry & Technique Co., Ltd. and Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Co., Ltd., which requires the VIE to provide certain technical and consulting services exclusively to our wholly-owned subsidiary in connection with the Mining Business. Our wholly-owned subsidiary agrees to provide up to \$6.0 million in investing funding to the VIE in connection with its operation of the Mining Business, on such terms as the parties shall agree from time to time.

## Renewable Energy Industry

The demand for electricity is steadily increasing as the worldwide economy continues to grow. Global electric power generation is expected to reach 25,000 terawatt hours, or TWh, annually by 2020, according to the Energy Information Administration, or the EIA, of the United States government, up from 17,000 TWh in 2005. According to a study by the European Commission, the market volume of electricity is expected to increase to approximately \$75 billion by the end of 2013.

To meet this increasing demand, significant investments are required to ensure that the availability of fossil fuels, which account for approximately 65% of the world's supply of electricity, is maintained. However, fossil fuels face a number of challenges that limit their availability and result in significant price pressures. The limited availability and rising cost of fossil fuels have stimulated the development of renewable energy technologies and created, in our view, a significant business opportunity.

The challenges facing fossil fuels are creating a growth opportunity for renewable energy. Renewable energy sources for electric power generation include hydroelectric, biomass, geothermal, wind and solar. Among renewable sources of electricity, we believe solar energy has the most potential to meet the world's growing electricity needs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the sun is the only source of renewable energy that has a large enough resource base to meet a significant portion of the world's electricity needs. A study commissioned in 2002 by the U.S. Department of Energy estimated that, on average, 120,000 trillion Watts, or TW, of solar energy strike the Earth per year, far exceeding the global electricity consumption rate of 14.3TW. At a typical latitude for the United States, a net 10% efficient solar energy "farm" covering 1.6% of the U.S. land area could theoretically meet the country's entire domestic electricity needs.

## Photovoltaic Systems

Solar electricity is generated using either photovoltaic or solar thermal technology to extract energy from the sun. Photovoltaic, or PV, electricity generating systems directly convert the sun's energy into electricity, whereas solar thermal systems heat water or other fluids that are then used as sources of energy. PV systems are either grid-connected systems or off-grid systems. Grid-connected systems are connected to the electricity transmission and distribution grid and feed solar electricity into the end-user's electrical system and/or the grid. Such systems are commonly mounted on the rooftops of buildings, integrated into building facades or installed on the ground using support structures, and range in size from 2-3 kilowatts to multiple MWs. Off-grid PV systems are typically much smaller and are frequently used in remote areas where they may be the only source of electricity for the end-user. PV systems are currently the most widely used method of transforming sunlight into electricity.

In an overview of PV market potential, ECN Solar Energy reported in 2008 that the PV sector has grown at a rate of 25% per annum over the preceding two decades and at a rate of 45% per annum over the preceding five years. According to Photon Consulting, a global solar energy research firm, the PV market is expected to grow at approximately this rate for the next several years. The current installed worldwide PV-power generation capacity (that is, the number of installed modules multiplied by their average power rating), is still relatively marginal, representing slightly more than 8 gigawatts in 2006. Although this corresponds to only 0.06% of global electricity consumption, a 2007 report by Photon Consulting suggests that mass substitution by PV modules has begun. In particular, the report predicts that by 2013, PV will represent 12% to 17% of the annual additions of electricity generating capacity and that in selected countries the annual solar capacity additions will exceed those of coal and nuclear energy.

#### Thin Film Photovoltaic Technologies

Approximately 80% of PV-generated electricity is currently produced using traditional crystalline silicon. This technology requires a significant amount of high-purity silicon. The increase in PV production has resulted in a shortage of this type of silicon, adversely affecting PV growth and costs. Recently, because of over-capacity in silicon wafer, cost of traditional PV has come down significantly. However, thin-film technologies based on either amorphous silicon or Cadmium telluride (CdTe) are rapidly being phased into production because of their potential for further lowering the cost of PV modules. This is largely due to the fact that thin-film-based modules, as their name implies, consume much smaller amounts of the foregoing starting materials, typically only 1% compared to crystalline silicon, and also because they are produced using a continuous manufacturing process which is mass production proven. Additionally, thin film technologies are inherently free from the supply constraints associated with traditional silicon-based photovoltaic technologies, thus offering additional cost advantage in the marketplace. Accordingly, we believe these technologies are beginning to gain a foothold in the market.

#### Strategy

We seek to become the leading global provider of both high-purity metals and PV products by taking advantage of our high degree of vertical integration, which we believe yields economies of scale and cost savings. We consider ourselves uniquely positioned in China among suppliers of high-purity materials because of our exclusive access to the Dashuigou and Majingou mines.

Our strategy includes the following key elements:

- Leverage our cost base . We believe the technical improvements resulting from our research and development efforts have been instrumental in significantly reducing our production costs and increasing our operational efficiency. As we source more tellurium internally, we believe we will be able to achieve significantly higher profit margins than our competitors. We intend to utilize this cost advantage to attract both new customers and larger orders from existing customers.
- Increase production capacity. The main constraint limiting our sales has been production capacity as customer demand has exceeded the amount of materials we are able to produce. In May 2008, we relocated our operations to a new 330,000 square foot facility in Chengdu, PRC and launched an aggressive expansion project to increase our annual production capacity of high-purity materials to 1,000 tons. Of these 1,000 tons, we plan to increase our capacity to produce tellurium and cadmium telluride. We will continue to closely monitor the progress of this expansion project to avoid risks of over-expansion, while evaluating other available expansion opportunities. We believe expansion of our production capacity is likely to result in greater economies of scale for our operations.



- Penetrate new market segments. Our current key markets are the United States and China, which represented our two largest markets based on revenues in 2011. We are seeking to increase sales in the United States and Japan and to expand into selected countries in Europe, where we believe the PV market is likely to grow significantly in the near term. For example, we entered into 6N sulfur supply contracts with several German companies, including Sulfurcell Solartechnit GmbH, during the last several years. We believe the visibility of our brand name in Germany will help us expand into our new targeted markets in Europe. We also entered into a long-term supply contract with First Solar in November 2010. We plan to seek to strengthen our relationships with existing customers. We also plan to hire additional sales agents to be based in Europe and the Middle East to provide services to our customers in those markets.
- Expand market share in China. Although the PV market in China is currently smaller than other major PV markets, we believe that the adoption of a series of new laws, regulations and initiatives by the PRC government, including the PRC's Renewable Energy Law, the Supervision Regulations on the Purchase of All Renewable Energy by Power Grid Enterprises, the National Medium- and Long-Term Programs for Renewable Energy and the recent amendments to the PRC Energy-Saving Law demonstrates the PRC government's commitment to develop renewable energy sources and may lead to rapid growth in the PV market in China. As a leading supplier of high-purity materials in China, we believe we are well-positioned to capitalize on this growth and capture a significant portion of China's thin-film PV market.

## Products

We produce and sell a range of metals and compounds to address the requirements of our customers in the various electronic materials market segments. Our range of products and their typical end-uses are as follows:

- Ultra-High Purity Tellurium. These include tellurium in purity levels of 99.999% (5N) to 99.99999% (7N) or more. High purity tellurium is used to manufacture radiation and infrared detectors;
- CdTe Thin Film Compounds. These are tellurium-based compounds in purity levels ranging from 99.999% (5N) to 99.9999% (6N). These products are primarily used in the production of thin-film solar electric power modules; and
- Other Commercial-Purity Metals. These include tellurium, selenium, antimony, bismuth, cadmium and zinc in purities ranging from 99.99% (4N) to 99.9999% (6N). These metals find applications in numerous electronic material market segments, including PV, radiation detector, and infrared detection.

## Customers and Main Markets

Our principal customers are manufacturers of thin-film solar cells, cell modules, and solar electronic products. We also serve additional customers involved in various segments of other electronic materials markets. In 2011, approximately 45% of our sales were to three customers: Zhuzhou Jingchang Technology (20%), Redlen Technology (13%) and First Solar (12%). We still expect our sales to continue to be concentrated among a small number of customers. However, we also expect that our significant customers may change from time to time.

In 2011, 72.3 % of our sales were made to customers in Asia, 27% of our sales were made to customers in North America and 0.7% of our sales were made to customers in the rest of the world. In 2010, 31.7% of our sales were made to customers in Asia and 66.8% of our sales were made to customers in North America. Our contracts with major customers are non-cancelable and provide for minimum levels of product sales for the duration of the contract (typically 6 to 12 months) with the potential for higher sales levels depending on such factors as rising market prices, customer's needs, our available capacity and/or our ability to reach agreement on key terms. Our standard terms for customers require payment 30 days after delivery, although new customers are required to pay on delivery, and some special customers (such as research institutions) are granted 90 to 120 days to make payment due to the complexity of their internal approval procedures. Customers with such extended payment terms represent less than five percent of our sales volume.

## Our Customer Supply Agreements

In general, we enter into monthly or semi-annual contracts with customers, most of which are domestic.

We negotiated a five year supply agreement with First Solar in November 2010, and First Solar placed with us a long term purchase order for high purity Te in 2010. In 2011, the price of raw materials of Te increased and, since the output from our own mine is limited, we were not able to pass on the increase in cost to our customers. For that reason, by mutual agreement, the long term purchase order between the Company and First Solar was cancelled in the first quarter of 2012.

We also entered into an agreement in 2008 to appoint CERAC, Inc. as the exclusive distributor to sell our products in North America, excluding sales to First Solar. According to CERAC, however, certain potential North American customers have experienced delays in the development of CdTe based thin film PV panels, which has reduced potential demand for our products in North American. We believe that this softening of demand may last for another year or so into mid 2013.

## Competition

We face competition from producers of raw materials such as Vital Chemicals Co., Xiandao (Qingyuan) Rare Metal and Chemical Co., and Emei Semiconductor Material Co. in China. Overseas we face competition from 5N Plus, Inc. in Canada, Honeywell Electronic Materials in the United States, PPM Pure Metals in Germany and Nikko Materials in Japan. As solar opportunities grow, new entrants are likely to enter the market and our existing customers may begin to backwards integrate. It is also likely that our current suppliers, who are large non-ferrous mining, refining and metal processing companies, will begin to vertically integrate as well. We believe that our complete vertical integration as both a miner and refiner will uniquely position us to compete effectively.

### Competitive Advantages

We believe that we possess significant competitive advantages. These advantages include:

- **Well-Established Market Position and Significant Barriers to Entry** . We believe that we are one of the main suppliers of cadmium, selenium, and tellurium metal and compounds in the markets that we serve. We believe we have a limited number of competitors due to the highly specialized nature of our business. The niche markets we serve require extensive expertise and know-how. Our products must be qualified by customers after long periods of testing. Most of the materials that we produce must also be handled with care because of their environmental and occupational impact, and must be recycled, all of which constitute significant entry barriers for potential competitors.
- **Key Supplier in the Fast-Growing CdTe PV Industry** . We are one of the key suppliers of Te to the PV industry. A significant increase in CdTe-based PV production capacity is expected over the next few years and we believe that we are well positioned to be an active participant in the growth of the industry.
- **Stable Stream of Future Revenue** . As we have exclusive access to tellurium, this will help us to provide a stable and constant stream of supplies to our customers. Therefore, we anticipate that we will be able to negotiate with our major customers in the future for long-term supply agreements which will lead to stable stream of revenue in future years.
- **Stable Supply of Critical Raw Materials at Competitive Pricing** . We have the access to our own tellurium mines and to other sources of feedstock materials that we require. We consider ourselves uniquely positioned in China among suppliers of high-purity materials because of our exclusive access to the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines. We believe we can yield economies of scale and cost savings and thus offer highly competitive pricing to our customers.

## Sales and Marketing

We market and sell our products primarily through our direct sales force to customers in North America, Japan, the rest of Asia, and Europe. Our sales team consists of eight in-house sales managers and one sales director. Our direct sales force includes experienced and technically sophisticated sales professionals and engineers who are knowledgeable in photovoltaics and the various applications in which our products are used. Our sales staff works with customers during all stages of the manufacturing process, from developing the precise composition of the compound through manufacturing and processing to the customer's exact specifications. We have also appointed CERAC, Inc. to be our exclusive distributor for the North American market, excluding sales to First Solar. However, with the softening of demand as delays from new producers occurred, the contribution from this agreement may not be as high as expected.

A key component of our marketing strategy is developing and maintaining strong relationships with our customers, especially at the senior management level. We seek to achieve this through working closely with our customers to optimize our products for their production processes. In addition, we believe we are able to develop long-term relationships with key customers by offering competitive pricing, delivering high quality products and providing superior customer service. We believe that maintaining close relationships with senior management and providing necessary customer support improves customer satisfaction and provides us with a competitive advantage when selling our products.

In order to increase brand recognition of our products and of Apollo in general, we publish technical articles, advertise in trade journals, distribute promotional materials and participate in industry trade shows and conferences.

## Research and Development

We plan to continue to devote a substantial amount of our resources to research and development with the objective of improving our mining output efficiency, and optimizing our extraction and refining steps. We will primarily focus our research and development in the following areas:

- Mining output efficiency. Mining is becoming increasingly sophisticated, with some mines now using smart sensors to identify areas to prospect, guide sophisticated equipment used in extracting minerals, and monitor air quality in mines. We are consistently seeking new technologies and techniques to raise efficiency at the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines while concurrently seeking to improve environmental and safety conditions.
- Mineral processing and refining. We are focusing our efforts on the optimization of both our front-end and back-end processes, namely our primary hydrometallurgical extraction and refining steps (leaching, solid liquid separation and electrowinning), as well as our secondary high-purity refining steps (vacuum distillation and zone refining).

As of December 31, 2011, our research and development team consists of 40 full-time employees, which are broken down into four groups:

- Mineral resources prospecting and development, 22 engineers;
- Mineral processing, metallurgy, new materials, 6 engineers;
- New energy development, 8 engineers; and
- Geologists, 4.

Additionally, we have strategic research and development collaborations with various universities including Sichuan University, Chengdu Electronic Engineering University, Chengdu Polytechnic University, Shanghai Technical Physics Institute and China Nonferrous Metal Research Institute.

On March 16, 2010, we entered into a Joint Research Agreement, or the NJIT Agreement, with the New Jersey Institute of Technology, or NJIT, pursuant to which we agreed to pay NJIT sponsorship funds in an aggregate amount of \$1,500,000 over a three-year period. Under the terms of the Agreement, NJIT agreed to provide certain laboratory instruments, equipment and personnel to develop novel CdTe thin film PV technology and deliver to us bi-annual reports regarding such projects during the term of the relationship. NJIT granted to us an exclusive option and right of first refusal to receive a royalty-bearing license to any intellectual property rights that NJIT may have related to such projects, which license will be on commercially reasonable terms, as negotiated in good faith by the parties. NJIT also granted to us a right of first refusal to enter into negotiations with NJIT regarding the creation of a separate business entity for the purpose of commercializing any intellectual property resulting from such projects. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had paid US\$500,000 in sponsorship fund to NJIT. \$500,000 and \$375,000 were recorded as Research & Development cost for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively in connection with this agreement.

#### Intellectual Property

Our success depends, in part, on our ability to maintain and protect our proprietary technology and to conduct our business without infringing on the proprietary rights of others. As of December 31, 2011, we held ten Chinese patents with respect to our proprietary refining techniques and had an additional three patent applications pertaining to elements of our unique thin-film solar module manufacturing process pending. In 2010, the Company transferred three patents to the Joint Venture with an approximate appraised value of RMB13,781,300.

With respect to proprietary know-how that is not patentable and processes for which patents are difficult to enforce, we rely on, among other things, trade secret protection and confidentiality agreements to safeguard our interests. All of our research and development personnel have entered into confidentiality and proprietary information agreements with us. These agreements address intellectual property protection issues and require our associates to assign to us all of the inventions, designs and technologies they develop during the course of employment with us. We also require our customers and business partners to enter into confidentiality agreements before we disclose any sensitive aspects of our refining techniques, solar modules, technology or business plans.

#### Safety Performance

We have received no reports of occupational injuries or other safety accidents with respect to its operations since we received our Safe Production License from the Chinese government on April 11, 2006. We have production staff of 12 persons in Dashuigou that are supervised by our Safety Production Committee which reports directly to our management team. We have also adopted safety production guidelines and procedures that require every member of our production staff to participate in specific safety training programs and to obtain a safety working permit issued by the local governmental authorities prior to commencing such work. Additionally, we provide an annual internal

training program to all our employees that details our safety measures and emergency recovery programs currently in place. Each of our employees is covered by a special occupational and health insurance program, and undergoes a regular physical examination.

## Environmental Regulations

Our Dashuigou and Majiagou mines and high purity material manufacturing facilities are subject to various pollution control regulations with respect to noise, water and air pollution and the disposal of waste and hazardous materials. The basic laws in China governing environmental protection in the mineral industry sector of the economy are the Environmental Protection Law, the Environment Impact Assessment Law and the Mineral Resources Law. The State Administration of Environmental Protection and its provincial counterparts are responsible for the supervision, implementation and enforcement of environment protection laws and regulations. Provincial governments also have the power to implement rules and policies in relation to environmental protection in their respective jurisdictions.

Our material purification process generates gaseous wastes, liquid wastes, waste water, noise and other industrial wastes in various stages of the manufacturing process. We have installed various types of anti-pollution equipment in our production facilities to reduce and treat the wastes generated in our manufacturing process. Our operations are subject to regulation and periodic monitoring by the State Environmental Protection Bureau of the PRC, as well as local environmental protection authorities. The PRC national and local environmental laws and regulations impose fees for the discharge of certain waste substances. If discharges exceed the prescribed levels, excess discharge fees are charged. The PRC national and local governments may at their own discretion assess fines, close or suspend the operation of any facility that fails to comply with orders requiring it to cease or remedy activities causing environmental damage. No such penalties have been imposed on us, and we believe that we have been in material compliance with applicable environmental regulations and standards.

We have obtained the land use permit and the water and soil preservation permit for the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines. We also received ISO 9001:2008 and GB/T19001-2008 certificates which are valid from December, 2011 until December, 2014. This Quality Management System applies in the areas of design, development and production of certain metals and high purity compounds.

## Government Regulations

The following is a summary of the principal governmental laws and regulations that are or may be applicable to our operations in the PRC. The scope and enforcement of many of the laws and regulations described below are uncertain. We cannot predict the effect of further developments in the Chinese legal system, including the promulgation of new laws, changes to existing laws or the interpretation or enforcement of laws.

## Renewable Energy Law and Other Government Directives

In February 2005, the PRC enacted its Renewable Energy Law, which became effective on January 1, 2006. The Renewable Energy Law sets forth policies to encourage the development and use of solar energy and other non-fossil energy. The renewable energy law sets forth the national policy to encourage and support the use of solar and other renewable energy and the use of on-grid generation. It also authorizes the relevant pricing authorities to set favorable prices for the purchase of electricity generated by solar and other renewable power generation systems.

The law also sets forth the national policy to encourage the installation and use of solar energy water-heating systems, solar energy heating and cooling systems, solar photovoltaic systems and other solar energy utilization systems. It also provides financial incentives, such as national funding, preferential loans and tax preferences for the development of renewable energy projects. In January 2006, China's National Development and Reform Commission promulgated two implementation directives of the Renewable Energy Law. These directives set forth specific measures in setting prices for electricity generated by solar and other renewable power generation systems and in sharing additional expenses incurred. The directives further allocate the administrative and supervisory authorities among different government agencies at the national and provincial levels and stipulate responsibilities of electricity grid companies and power generation companies with respect to the implementation of the renewable energy law.

In November 2005, the PRC's National Development and Reform Commission promulgated the Renewable Energy Industry Development Guidance Catalogue, where solar power figured prominently. In January 2006, the PRC's National Development and Reform Commission promulgated an implementation directive for the renewable energy power generation industry. This directive sets forth specific measures for setting the price of electricity generated by solar and other renewable power generation systems and in sharing the costs incurred. The directive also allocates administrative and supervisory authority among different government agencies at the national and provincial levels and stipulates the responsibilities of electricity grid companies and power generation companies with respect to the implementation of the renewable energy law.

On August 31, 2007, the PRC's National Development and Reform Commission promulgated the Medium and Long-Term Development Plan for the Renewable Energy Industry. This plan sets forth national policy to provide financial allowance and preferential tax regulations for the renewable energy industry. A similar demonstration of PRC government commitment to renewable energy is also stipulated in the Eleventh Five-Year Plan for Renewable Energy Development, which was promulgated by the PRC's National Development and Reform Commission in March 2008.

The principal regulations governing the mining business in the PRC include:

- China Mineral Resources Law, which requires a mining business to have exploration and mining licenses from provincial or local land and resources agencies;
- China Environmental Law, which requires a mining project to obtain an environmental feasibility study of the project; and
- China Mine Safety Law, which requires a mining business to have a safe production license and provides for random safety inspections of mining facilities.

Chinese regulations also require that a mining company have a safety certification from the PRC Administration of Work Safety before it can engage in mining and extracting activities. All of our operating subsidiaries have obtained the necessary licenses and certifications.

#### Insurance

We have personal injury insurance for our employees and management under a group insurance policy with Ping An Life Insurance Company of China, Ltd. The insurance coverage for our employees includes accidental injury, medical cost for accidental injury, and hospital allowance for accidental injury. In addition to coverage for our employees, insurance for management covers extra car and airplane-related accidents.

#### Income Tax

The corporate income tax rate applicable to all companies organized in the PRC, including both domestic companies and foreign-invested companies, is 25%. On July 16, 2009, one of our wholly owned subsidiary, Sichuan Xinlong received PRC government approval on the High-Tech Enterprise Certificate which allowed us to enjoy a favorable tax rate of 15% effective January 1, 2009 and through December 31, 2011. The Company is in the process of applying to renew this certificate for 2012 and the following years.

#### Employees

We employ 150 people. Of our employees, 87 hold university degrees in engineering or physical sciences. A breakdown of our current personnel by category is as follows:

Production	62
Research and Development	40
Administration	32
Sales and Marketing	10
Senior Management	6
Total	150

#### ITEM 1A: RISK FACTORS

Any investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Potential investors should carefully consider the material risks described below and all of the information contained in this Form 10-K before deciding whether to purchase any of our securities. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by these risks if any of them actually occur. Some of these factors have affected our financial condition and operating results in the past or are currently affecting our company. This filing also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks faced described below and elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

### Risks Related To Our Operations

We have accumulated significant losses and we may not be able to generate significant revenue or any net income in the future, which would negatively impact our ability to run our business.

We have accumulated significant net losses from our inception through December 31, 2011 and we may be unable to generate significant revenue or any net income in the future. We cannot predict when, or if, we will become profitable in the future. Even if we achieve profitability, we may not be able to sustain it. We have funded our operations primarily through the issuance of equity and debt securities to investors and may not be able to generate a positive cash flow in the future. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations, we will need to seek additional funds through the issuance of additional equity or debt securities or other sources of financing. We may not be able to secure such additional financing on favorable terms, or at all. Any additional financings will likely cause substantial dilution to existing stockholders. If we are unable to obtain necessary additional financing, we may be required to reduce the scope of, or cease, our operations.

Our limited operating history may not serve as an adequate basis to judge our future prospects and results of operations.

We commenced our current line of business operations in 2006. Our limited operating history may not provide a meaningful basis on which to evaluate our business. We expect that our operating expenses will increase as we expand. Any significant failure to realize anticipated revenue growth could result in significant operating losses. We will continue to encounter risks and difficulties frequently experienced by companies at a similar stage of development, including our potential failure to:

- raise adequate capital for expansion and operations;
- implement our business model and strategy and adapt and modify them as needed;
- increase awareness of our brands, protect our reputation and develop customer loyalty;
- manage our expanding operations and service offerings, including the integration of any future acquisitions;
- maintain adequate control of our expenses;
- anticipate and adapt to changing conditions in the renewable energy market in which we operate as well as the impact of any changes in government regulations, mergers and acquisitions involving our competitors, technological developments and other significant competitive and market dynamics.

If we are not successful in addressing any or all of these risks, our business may be materially and adversely affected.

Uncertainty in the results of exploration for resources.

Resources and reserves are non-renewable and the exploration of new potential resources is crucial to a mining enterprise. Exploration of mineral resources is speculative in nature, so substantial expenses may be incurred from initial drilling to production. As tellurium is the ninth rarest element on earth and the Dashuigou and Majiagou tellurium mines are the only two tellurium mines known to date, there is also no assurance that exploration can lead to the discovery of new mines or economically feasible reserves. Although the exploration is not the main business of the Company, we expect to continue to search for new tellurium mines. If the Company fails to replenish its mineral resource levels in existing or new mining areas, the Company may not be able to maintain the current production level after the remaining usable life of the existing mining areas.

Fluctuation in the market price of base metals may significantly affect the results of our operations.

The results of our operations are significantly affected by the market price of base metals, which are subject to substantial price fluctuations. Our earnings are particularly sensitive to changes in the market price of tellurium, cadmium, and other metals that we sell. Market prices can be affected by numerous factors beyond our control, including supply and demand for a broad range of industrial reasons, substitution of new or different products in critical applications for our existing products, expectation with respect to the level of fossil fuel price, and speculative activities. If prices should decline below our cash costs of production and remain at such levels for any substantial period, we could determine that it is not economically feasible to continue commercial production at any or all of our mines.

As tellurium is rare and its applications highly specific, there is no known hedging tools for us to utilize to protect us against price fluctuation. As such, our ability to protect our operations performance due to base metal price fluctuation is minimal.

We may face restricted access to markets in the future.

Access to our markets may be subject to ongoing interruptions and trade barriers due to political interference, tariffs imposed by individual countries, and the actions of certain interest groups to restrict the import of our commodities. Although there are currently no significant trade barriers existing or impending of which we are aware that do, or could, materially affect our access to certain markets, there can be no assurance that our access to these markets will not be restricted in the future.

We may not be able to renew the current license period of mining rights.

Under the PRC's Mineral Resources Law, all mineral resources of the PRC are owned by the State. The Company may obtain mining rights for conducting mining activities in a specific mining area during the license period. The Company has, under the relevant laws and regulations, and through the VIE Arrangement, obtained valid mining rights to the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines with a validity period of 6 years (with an initial expiration date in January 2013) and may apply to the relevant authorities for extension. The Company will not be able to exploit the entire mineral resources of the mines during the license period. If the Company fails to renew its mining rights upon expiration of the initial license, or it cannot effectively utilize the resources within a license period specified in the mining right, the operation and performance of the Company will be adversely affected.

Our performance relies on the operations of two existing mines.

Our principal operating assets are the Dashuigou and Majiagou tellurium mines. We expect a substantial portion of our revenues to be generated from these two mines in the future, both of which are still in development stage. There is no assurance that these, or any of our other developing mineral projects, will perform satisfactorily. If any of our developing mineral projects fail to perform satisfactorily, this may lead to a decrease in the overall profit margin, operating performance and investment return, and may adversely affect our operating results.

Production safety.

We employ the open pit mining method for our two mines. Due to the geographic setting and relatively high elevation difference, there is a possibility of localized mud-rock flow during the rainy season, and a risk of instability of the slopes and subsidence of the working area. As the mining process requires the use of explosives and sodium cyanide, any improper storage or use of these materials could lead to injury or death.

Another earthquake in the region may have negative impact on the operations of our mines and therefore our performance.

A major earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale took place in the Sichuan province in May, 2008. If such an earthquake were to take place again, the facilities in our mines could be damaged, lead to injury and death of employees, and the complete halt to our mining activities.

Government regulation of the mining industry.

Our mining production is subject to various government policies and regulations in China relating to exploration, development, production, taxation, labor standards, vocational health and safety, waste treatment, environmental monitoring, protection and control, operations management and other problems. Any changes to these policies and regulations may increase our operating costs and may adversely affect our operating results.

The loss of, or a decrease in the amount of business from, our major customers or any default in payment on their part could significantly reduce our net sales and harm our operating results.

In 2011, approximately 45 % of our sales were to three customers. In 2010, our top three customers accounted for 75% of our revenue. In 2009, approximately 90% of sales were to two customers, First Solar and Shaoshan Metals. We have been committing tremendous effort to expanding our customer list, and our results in 2011 reflected a certain level of success. However, the loss of, or a decrease in the amount of business from, one of these customers, or any default in payment on their part, could still significantly reduce our net sales and harm our operating results. For example, in 2011, we found our relationship with First Solar to be economically unfavorable and, by mutual agreement, terminated the relationship in the first quarter of 2012, after sales to First Solar diminished significantly in 2011.

We have no assurance of securing additional business from our major customers beyond our long-term supply agreements. We therefore expect that our dependence on our major customers will continue during most of 2012, at which point we intend to further reduce our reliance on our major customers by expanding our production capacity to meet the needs of currently merging manufacturers of CdTe-based PV modules, as well supply the needs of companies active in the medical imaging market.

We may not be able to effectively control and manage our growth.

If our business and markets grow and develop, it will be necessary for us to finance and manage expansion in an orderly fashion. In addition, we may face challenges in managing and expanding facilities and in integrating acquired businesses with our own. Such eventualities will increase demands on our existing management, workforce and facilities. Failure to satisfy such increased demands could interrupt or adversely affect our operations and cause longer operation location completion cycle, and administrative inefficiencies.

We depend on market acceptance of our customers' products and the technology associated therewith.

We depend on market acceptance of our customers' products and the technology associated therewith. Any delay or failure by our customers to successfully penetrate their respective markets could lead to a reduction in our sales and operating margins. Most of our products are sold either into emerging markets or alternatively in existing markets, for which they are used to manufacture replacement products intended to represent new and improved technologies. If our customers are unable to meet the performance and cost targets required for commercial viability, their products are subject to regulations which limit their use, or the new or improved technology associated with their products proves unsuitable for widespread adoption, it may have an adverse effect on our sales and operating margins.

More specifically, a significant part of our sales are made in the solar energy market using thin-film technology. First Solar is currently the sole volume manufacturer of thin-film CdTe-based PV modules and its oldest active production line has been in operation only since November 2004. As a result, thin-film technology does not have a sufficient operating history to confirm how PV modules will perform over their estimated useful life of 25 years. Long-term viability of CdTe-based thin film technology will also depend on the manufacturers' ability to reduce the cost of PV modules to a level at which the technology is competitive with other energy sources without government subsidies. If thin-film technology performs below expectations or if it does not achieve cost competitiveness with conventional or other solar or non-solar renewable energy sources without government subsidies, it could result in the failure of the technology to be widely adopted in the market. This could significantly affect demand for our products and reduce our sales and profit margins.

Many other factors may affect the widespread adoption of PV technology and demand for our customers' products, including the following:

- cost-effectiveness of thin film PV modules compared to conventional and other non-solar renewable energy sources and products;
- performance and reliability of thin film PV modules and thin-film technology compared to conventional and other non-solar renewable energy sources and products;
- availability of government subsidies and incentives to support the development of the solar energy industry;
- success of other renewable energy generation technologies, such as hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, solar thermal, concentrated PV and biomass;
- fluctuations in economic and market conditions that affect the viability of conventional and non-solar renewable energy sources, such as increases or decreases in the prices of oil and other fossil fuels;
- fluctuations in capital expenditures by end-users of PV modules, which tend to decrease when the economy slows and interest rates increase; and
- deregulation of the electric power industry and the broader energy industry.

A change in environmental regulations could cause serious disruption to operations and negatively impact our results.

Our operations involve the use, handling, generation, processing, storage, transportation, recycling and disposal of hazardous materials and are subject to extensive environmental laws and regulations at the national, provincial, local and international level. These environmental laws and regulations include those governing the discharge of pollutants into the air and water, the use, management and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, the clean-up of contaminated sites and occupational health and safety. We have incurred and will continue to incur capital expenditures in order to seek to comply with these laws and regulations. In addition, violations of, or liabilities under, environmental laws or permits may result in restrictions being imposed on our operating activities or in our being subject to substantial fines, penalties, criminal proceedings, third party property damage or personal injury claims, clean-up costs or other costs. While we believe that we are currently in compliance with applicable environmental requirements, future developments such as more aggressive enforcement policies, the implementation of new, more stringent laws and regulations, or the discovery of currently unknown environmental conditions may require expenditures, or changes in our operations, that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Although China has enacted environmental protection legislation to regulate the mining industry, due to the very short history of this legislation, national and local environmental protection standards are still in the process of being formulated and implemented.

Chinese legislation provides for penalties and other liabilities for the violation of environmental protection standards and establishes, in certain circumstances, obligations to rehabilitate current and former facilities and locations where operations are being or have been conducted.

We believe that there are no outstanding notices, orders or directives from central or local environmental protection agencies or local government authorities alleging any breach of national or local environmental quality standards by us or any other party in respect of our property. Although we intend to fully comply with all environmental

regulations, there is a risk that permission to conduct exploration, development and manufacture activities could be withdrawn temporarily or permanently where there is evidence of serious breaches of such standards. In addition, given the relative lack of precedents in enforcing the new environmental protection laws, there are no guarantees that the laws or the interpretation of the laws or regulations, will not materially change, which could require us to substantially change, or entirely cease, our operations in China.

Because of growing demand for high-purity metals, we may be subject to more competition in the near future.

The forecasted growth in demand for high-purity metals, especially those used by the solar power industry, is expected to attract more metal refiners into that industry and increase competition. Competition could arise from new low-cost metal refiners or from certain of our customers who could decide to backwards integrate.

Our future success will be dependent upon the efforts of our key personnel.

Our future success depends on our ability to retain our key employees and attract, train, retain and successfully integrate new talent into our management team. We are dependent on the services of our senior management team, including Dr. Jingong Pan, our Chief Executive Officer, Hongwei Ke, our Chief Operating Officer, and Wilson Liu, our Chief Financial Officer. The loss of any of these could have a material adverse effect on us. Our future success also depends, to a significant extent, on our ability to attract, train and retain talented personnel. Recruiting and retaining talented personnel, particularly those with expertise in the electronic materials industry, refining technology and cadmium, tellurium and selenium-based compounds is vital to our success and may prove difficult.

We may incur losses resulting from business interruptions.

We may incur losses resulting from business interruptions. In many instances, especially those related to our long-term contracts, we have contractual obligations to deliver product in a timely manner. Any disruption in our activities which leads to a business interruption could harm our customers' confidence level and lead to the cancellation of our contracts and legal recourse against us. Although we believe that we have taken reasonable precautions to avoid business interruptions, we could still experience interruptions which would adversely impact our financial results.

Protection of our proprietary processes, methods and other technologies is critical to our business and therefore any failure to protect the use of our existing intellectual property rights could result in the loss of valuable technologies and processes.

Protection of our proprietary processes, methods and other technologies is critical to our business. We rely almost exclusively on a combination of Chinese patents, trade secrets and employee confidentiality agreements to safeguard our intellectual property. Failure to protect and monitor the use of our existing intellectual property rights could result in the loss of valuable technologies and processes and materially adversely affect our business.

If our insurance coverage is unavailable or insufficient to cover future claims against us, our financial resources and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We have limited insurance coverage for a number of risks, including environmental situations and personal injury. Although we believe that the events and amounts of liability covered by our insurance policies are reasonable taking into account the risks relevant to our business as carried out to date, there can be no assurance that such coverage will be available or sufficient to cover all claims to which we may become subject. If insurance coverage is unavailable or insufficient to cover any such claims, our financial resources and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We have limited business insurance coverage, and accordingly any business disruption, litigation or natural disaster might result in substantial costs and diversion of resources.

The insurance industry in China is still at an early stage of development. Insurance companies in China offer limited business insurance products, and do not generally, to our knowledge, presently offer business liability insurance. As a result, we do not have any business liability insurance coverage for our operations. Moreover, while business disruption insurance is available, we have determined that the risks of disruption and cost of the insurance are such that we have not obtained such insurance at this time. Any business disruption, litigation or natural disaster might result in substantial costs and diversion of resources.

We are responsible for the indemnification of our officers and directors.

Our Bylaws provide for the indemnification of our directors, officers, employees, and agents, under certain circumstances, against costs and expenses incurred by them in any litigation to which they become a party arising from their association with or activities on behalf of us. This indemnification policy could result in substantial expenditures, which we may be unable to recoup.

#### Risks Related to Doing Business in the PRC

Government regulations may hinder our ability to function efficiently.

The national, provincial and local governments in the PRC are highly bureaucratized. The day-to-day operations of our business requires frequent interaction with representatives of the Chinese government institutions. The effort to obtain the registrations, licenses and permits necessary to carry out our business activities can be daunting.

Significant delays can result from the need to obtain governmental approval of our activities. These delays can have an adverse effect on the profitability of our operations.

The PRC laws and regulations governing our current business operations are sometimes vague and uncertain. Any changes in such PRC laws and regulations or their interpretation and application may have a material and adverse effect on our business.

There are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of PRC laws and regulations, including but not limited to the laws and regulations governing our business, or the enforcement and performance of our arrangements with customers in the event of the imposition of statutory liens, death, bankruptcy and criminal proceedings. We and any future subsidiaries are considered foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises under PRC laws, and as a result, we are required to comply with PRC laws and regulations applicable to such persons or enterprises. These laws and regulations are sometimes vague and may be subject to future changes, and their official interpretation and enforcement may involve substantial uncertainty. The effectiveness of newly enacted laws, regulations or amendments may be delayed, resulting in detrimental reliance by foreign investors. New laws and regulations that affect existing and proposed future businesses may also be applied retroactively. We cannot predict what effect the interpretation or application of existing or new PRC laws or regulations may have on our businesses.

A slowdown or other adverse developments in the PRC economy may materially and adversely affect our customers, demand for our services and our business.

We are a holding company and all of our operations are conducted in the PRC. Although the PRC economy has grown significantly in recent years, we cannot assure you that such growth will continue. The solar energy industry in the PRC is encouraged by Chinese government, relatively new and growing, but we do not know how sensitive we are to a slowdown in economic growth or other adverse changes in the PRC economy which may affect demand for our products. A slowdown in overall economic growth, an economic downturn or recession or other adverse economic developments in the PRC may materially reduce the demand for our products and materially and adversely affect our business.

Inflation in the PRC could negatively affect our profitability and growth.

While the PRC economy has experienced rapid growth, such growth has been uneven among various sectors of the economy and in different geographical areas of the country. Rapid economic growth can lead to growth in the money supply and rising inflation. If prices for our products rise at a rate that is insufficient to compensate for the rise in the costs of supplies, it may have an adverse effect on profitability. In order to control inflation in the past, the PRC government has imposed controls on bank credits, limits on loans for fixed assets and restrictions on state bank lending. Such an austerity policy can lead to a slowing of economic growth. Although the People's Bank of China, the PRC's central bank, currently keeps the interest rate low, it has indicated an interest rate increase is possible and necessary for the inflationary concerns in the Chinese economy. Repeated rises in interest rates by the central bank would likely slow economic activity in China, which could, in turn, materially increase our costs and also reduce demand for our products.

Capital outflow policies in China may hamper our ability to pay dividends to shareholders in the United States.

The PRC has adopted currency and capital transfer regulations. These regulations require that we comply with complex regulations for the movement of capital. Although Chinese governmental policies were introduced in 1996 to allow the convertibility of RMB into foreign currency for current account items, conversion of RMB into foreign exchange for capital items, such as foreign direct investment, loans or securities, requires the approval of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. We may be unable to obtain all of the required conversion approvals for our operations, and Chinese regulatory authorities may impose greater restrictions on the convertibility of the RMB in the future. Because most of our future revenues will be in RMB, any inability to obtain the requisite approvals or any future restrictions on currency exchanges will limit our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders.

Sichuan Apollo is subject to restrictions on paying dividends and making other payments to us.

We are a holding company incorporated in the State of Nevada and do not have any assets or conduct any business operations other than our investments in our subsidiaries. As a result of our holding company structure, we rely primarily on dividend payments from our indirect wholly owned subsidiaries in China. However, PRC regulations currently permit payment of dividends only out of accumulated profits, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. Our subsidiaries in China are also required to set aside a portion of their after-tax profits according to PRC accounting standards and regulations to fund certain reserve funds. The PRC government also imposes controls on the conversion of RMB into foreign currencies and the remittance of currencies out of China. We may experience difficulties in completing the administrative procedures necessary to obtain and remit foreign currency. See “Government control of currency conversion may affect the value of your investment .” Furthermore, if our subsidiary or affiliated entity in China incurs debt on their own in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends or make other payments. If we, or any of our direct or indirect subsidiaries, is unable to receive all of the revenues from our operations through these contractual or dividend arrangements, we may be unable to pay dividends on our common stock.

Governmental control of currency conversion may affect the value of an investment in the Company.

The PRC government imposes controls on the convertibility of RMB into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of currency out of the PRC. We receive a significant portion of our revenues in RMB, which is currently not a freely convertible currency. Shortages in the availability of foreign currency may restrict our ability to remit sufficient foreign currency to pay dividends, or otherwise satisfy foreign currency dominated obligations. Under existing PRC foreign exchange regulations, payments of current account items, including profit distributions, interest payments and expenditures from the transaction, can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval from the PRC State Administration of Foreign Exchange by complying with certain procedural requirements. However, approval from appropriate governmental authorities is required where RMB is to be converted into foreign currency and remitted out of China to pay capital expenses such as the repayment of bank loans denominated in foreign currencies.

The PRC government may also at its discretion restrict access in the future to foreign currencies for current account transactions. If the foreign exchange control system prevents us from obtaining sufficient foreign currency to satisfy our currency demands, we may not be able to pay certain of our expenses as they come due.

The fluctuation of the Renminbi may materially and adversely affect an investment in the Company.

The value of the RMB against the U.S. dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in the PRC's political and economic conditions. As a significant portion of our revenues are earned in the PRC, any significant revaluation of the RMB may materially and adversely affect our cash flows, revenues and financial condition. For example, to the extent that we need to convert U.S. dollars we receive from an offering of our securities or other financing into RMB for use in our operations, appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Conversely, if we decide to convert our RMB into U.S. dollars for the purpose of making payments for dividends on our common shares or for other business purposes and the U.S. dollar appreciates against the RMB, the U.S. dollar equivalent of the RMB we convert would be reduced. In addition, the depreciation of significant U.S. dollar denominated assets could result in a charge to our income statement and a reduction in the value of these assets.



On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its decade-old policy pegging the value of the RMB to the U.S. dollar. Under the new policy, the RMB is permitted to fluctuate within a narrow and managed band against a basket of certain foreign currencies. This change in policy has resulted in an approximately 22% appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2011. While the international reaction to the RMB revaluation has generally been positive, there remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt an even more flexible currency policy, which could result in a further and more significant appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar.

Because the ownership and exploitation of mineral resources is subject to extensive government regulation we cannot assure that required approvals, licenses and permits will be granted, or if granted, will be granted in a timely manner.

Ownership of all land in China remains with the State and the State, at the national, regional and local levels, is extensively involved in the regulation of exploration and mining activities. Transfers of exploration rights are also subject to governmental approval. Failure or delays in obtaining necessary approvals could have a materially adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations. Nearly all mining projects in the PRC require government approval. There can be no certainty that any such approvals will be granted (directly or indirectly) to the Company or any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company, or at all. There is no assurance that our mineral exploration and development activities will result in any discoveries of commercial bodies of tellurium. The long-term profitability of our operations will in part be directly related to the costs and success of our exploration programs, which may be affected by a number of factors. Failure to obtain such licenses and permits as are required would cause us to materially change or cease operations in China.

Our targeted industries are heavily regulated and we may not be able to remain in compliance with all such regulations, and may be required to incur substantial costs in complying with such regulation.

Our mining projects, properties and companies in China are subject to extensive regulation by China's Mining Ministry, and by other provincial, county and local authorities in jurisdictions in which products are processed or sold, regarding the processing, storage, and distribution of mineral products. In addition, processing facilities are subject to periodic inspections by government agencies. We believe that we are currently in substantial compliance with all laws and governmental regulations and that we have all material permits and licenses required for our operations. Nevertheless, we cannot assure investors that we will continue to be in substantial compliance with current laws and regulations, or that we will be able to comply with 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 operations and revenues.

### Risks Related to Our Common Stock

Our officers, directors and affiliates will control us through their positions and stock ownership and contractual provisions, and their interests may differ from other stockholders.

Certain persons that are our officers, directors and affiliates of the Company and affiliates beneficially own approximately 83% of our Common Stock. As a result, these persons are able to influence the outcome of stockholder votes on various matters, including the election of directors and extraordinary corporate transactions including business combinations. The interests of these officers, directors and affiliates may differ from the interests of our other stockholders. Furthermore, the current ratios of ownership of our Common Stock reduce the public float and liquidity of our Common Stock, which can in turn affect the market price of our Common Stock.

We are not likely to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

We currently intend to retain any future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business. We do not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future but will review this policy as circumstances dictate. Should we decide in the future to do so, as a holding company, our ability to pay dividends and meet other obligations depends upon the receipt of dividends or other payments from our subsidiaries. In addition, our operating subsidiary, from time to time, may be subject to restrictions on its ability to make distributions to us, including as a result of restrictions on the conversion of local currency into U.S. dollars or other hard currency and other regulatory restrictions.

There is currently a limited trading market for our Common Stock.

Our Common Stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board, or the OTCBB. However, our bid and asked quotations have not regularly appeared on the OTCBB for any consistent period of time. There is no established trading market for our Common Stock and our Common Stock may never be included for trading on any stock exchange or through any other quotation system (including, without limitation, the NASDAQ Stock Market). Investors may not be able to sell their shares due to the absence of a trading market. Furthermore, the concentration of ownership of our Common Stock within the management group reduces the public float and liquidity of our Common Stock, which can in turn affect the market price of our Common Stock.

Our common stock is currently classified as a “penny stock” under SEC rules, which may make it difficult for our shareholders to resell their shares of our common stock.

The Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission classify as a “penny stock” any security that does not trade on a national securities exchange (e.g. NYSE, NYSE Amex, NASDAQ, etc., but not including the OTC Bulletin Board or the Pink Sheets) if the market price of the security is less than \$5.00 per share. SEC Rule 15c-9 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 imposes additional sales practice requirements on broker-dealers that recommend the purchase or sale of penny stocks to persons other than those who qualify as an “established customer” or an “accredited investor.” This includes the requirement that a broker-dealer must make a determination on the appropriateness of investments in penny stocks for the customer and must make special disclosures to the customer concerning the risks of penny stocks. For this reason and because penny stocks are generally considered to be more risky than non-penny stocks, many brokers will not recommend the purchase of penny stock by their customers.

Our common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, and is currently priced below \$5.00, as a result of which our common stock is currently classified as a penny stock. The holders of our common stock may experience greater difficulties in attempting to sell the stock, due to the limited market for penny stock. In addition, because the penny stock classification reduces the liquidity of a security, the classification may have a negative effect on the market price of our common stock, such that our shareholders may not be able to obtain a satisfactory sale price.

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

As our ultimate holding company is a Nevada corporation, 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. Foreign companies, including some that may compete with our company, are not subject to these prohibitions. Corruption, extortion, bribery, pay-offs, theft and other fraudulent practices may 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.

Because our business is located in the PRC, we may have difficulty establishing adequate management, legal and financial controls, which we are required to do in order to comply with U.S. securities laws.

PRC companies have historically not adopted a Western style of management and financial reporting concepts and practices, which includes strong corporate governance, internal controls and, computer, financial and other control systems. Most of our middle and top management staff are not educated and trained in the Western system, and we may have difficulty hiring new employees in the PRC with such training. In addition, we may need to rely on a new and developing communication infrastructure to efficiently transfer our information from our centers of operations to our headquarters. As a result of these factors, we may experience difficulty in establishing management, legal and financial controls, collecting financial data and preparing financial statements, books of account and corporate records and instituting business practices that meet Western standards. Therefore, we may, in turn, experience difficulties in implementing and maintaining adequate internal controls as required under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. This may result in significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in our internal controls, which could impact the reliability of our financial statements and prevent us from complying with SEC rules and regulations and the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Any such deficiencies, weaknesses or lack of compliance could have a materially adverse effect on our business.

You may experience difficulties in effecting service of legal process, enforcing foreign judgments or bringing original actions in China based upon U.S. laws, including the federal securities laws, or other foreign laws against us or our management.

All of our current operations are conducted in China. Moreover, most of our directors and officers are nationals and residents of China. All or substantially all of the assets of these persons are located outside the United States and in the PRC. As a result, it may not be possible to effect service of process within the United States or elsewhere outside China upon these persons. In addition, uncertainty exists as to whether the courts of China would recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or such officers and/or directors predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state thereof, or be competent to hear original actions brought in China against us or such persons predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state thereof.



## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

### General

Our corporate headquarters are located in Shuangliu Chengdu, Sichuan, China, where we own the land use rights and occupy 89,412 square meters of space. Our Shuangliu facility currently consists of an office building, testing center, laboratory, production department, dormitory, and dining hall.

### Dashuigou and Majiagou Projects

#### Property Mineral Rights

Under the “Mineral Resource Law of the China,” all mineral resources in the PRC are owned by the state. A mining or exploration enterprise may obtain a permit for the mining or exploration rights for conducting mining or exploration activities in a specific area during a specified period of validity. These permits are generally extendable at the expiration of their period of validity. To renew an exploration permit, all exploration permit fees must be paid and the minimum exploration expenditure should have been made for the area designated under the exploration permit. To renew a mining permit, all mining permit fees and resource compensation fees must be paid to the state for the area designated under the mining permit. A mining permit has both horizontal limits and elevation limits, but an exploration permit has only horizontal limits.

Effective August 22, 2008, we acquired 100% of the equity of Sichuan Xinju Shimian Dadu River Mining & Metallurgy Co., Ltd. from Renyi Hou, our former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Wei Li and Yong Ling a former CFO. With this acquisition, we obtained the exclusive mining rights to the Dashuigou tellurium mine until January 2013, subject to potential renewal thereafter. Relatedly, on April 10, 2009, we entered into a VIE with Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation, or Xinju, and certain of its shareholders holding a majority of its voting equity stock. Under the terms of the VIE, we were granted the exclusive exploration and mining rights to the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines, in accordance with a license granted by the Chinese government which extends through January, 2013, subject to potential renewal thereafter. Details of the effective dates and geographic areas of the permits for mining and exploration rights relating to Dashuigou and Majiagou properties are listed in the table below:

## Mineral Rights Controlled by Sichuan Apollo

Project	Permit Name	Permit Type	Number	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Elevation Range (m)	Term
Dashuigou	Dashuigou Te-Bi-S-Fe Mine	Mining	5100000730004	0.08	1,440 – 1,705	Jan. 2007 – Jan. 2013
	Dashuigou Te-Bi-Pb-Zn-Mable Exploration	Exploration	T51120080403005938	6.29	n/a	April 2011 – June 2013
Majiagou	Majiagou Te-Bi Mine	Mining	5100000510226	0.0568	1,540 – 1,640	May 2005 – May 2103

Each of the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines are open-pit mines, located in Shimian County of Sichuan Province, PRC.

In late 2008, the Company engaged Behre Dolbear Asia, Inc., or BDASIA, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Behre Dolbear & Company, Inc., to conduct an independent technical review of the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines. Senior-level professionals from BDASIA physically examined the Dashuigou and Majiagou mines, and a copy of the BDASIA report was included as Exhibit 99.2 to the Company's Current Report of Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 12, 2009. Because no reserves under SEC Industry Guide 7 were delineated at either of the Dashuigou or Majiagou mines at the time the BDASIA report was prepared, BDASIA employed the Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, or the JORC Code, to review the mineral resource estimates.

The Dashuigou and Majiagou Projects are currently at the exploration stage with only limited production. Significant amounts of exploration work, mostly through underground drifting and surface trenching, have been conducted since the discovery of the tellurium deposits in 1991 and mineral resources have been estimated a number of times for the properties. Metallurgical testing and limited actual production on the tellurium mineralized material produced from the Dashuigou and Majiagou Projects have been conducted with positive results. The projects have had only limited mine production to date. With the recent sharp increase in tellurium price, Sichuan Apollo is currently in the process of preparing to fully develop the properties in order to start formal mining operation. Sichuan Apollo also purchases tellurium from other sources in China for its high-purity tellurium production in addition to the tellurium mineralized material produced from the Dashuigou and Majiagou Projects.

### Location, Infrastructure, and Access

The Dashuigou and Majiagou projects are located approximately 23 linear kilometers southwest of the town of Shimian, the county seat of Shimian County in southwestern Sichuan Province. Access from Shimian to the project site is by sinuous two-lane paved highways and unpaved gravel roads along the southwestern bank of the Dadu River, then along the southeastern bank of the Songlin River, a tributary of the Dadu River. The road distance is approximately 38 kilometers and it takes about one hour to drive from Shimian to the project site. The last approximately five kilometers of the access road is currently unpaved, but the county has plans to upgrade the section of the gravel road to paved highways in the near future.

The Dashuigou and Majiagou projects consist of numerous small tellurium-bearing massive-sulfide and/or dolomite-ankerite veins in a very-steep mountainous area. Formal mining operation envisioned by the Company are expected to produce between 10 and 50 tonnes per day, or tpd, for both properties. Currently, there is a small mining camp operated by Sichuan Apollo to support exploration and mine development efforts as well as a very small scale mining activity. The Dashuigou and Majiagou Projects are located approximately 1 km north of the camp. The Dashuigou project can be accessed via a very steep walking trail; the Majiagou project is located due west of the Dashuigou project and can also be accessed by steep walking trails. An underground level at the elevation of 1,464 meters has been developed for the Dashuigou project but additional development work is needed before normal mining activity can be initialized.

Electricity is not currently connected to the Dashuigou and Majiagou projects but is instead currently generated by diesel motors; however, Shimian County has abundant hydroelectric power and there is a 35kV electricity transmission line crossing the project area and power supply for mining operation can be easily established at a reasonable cost. Exploration and mine development work as well as mining operations are currently carried out by mining contractors using labor-intensive manual methods, and mineralized material produced from the projects is hauled to the company's flotation mill for processing, which is located approximately 30 kilometers (80 kilometers by road) north of the projects, by contractor using 20- to 30-tonne haul trucks. The hauling cost is currently a significant portion of the operation's cost because of the long hauling distance. The current flotation mill, which has a designed production capacity of 50 tonnes per day for processing copper mineralized material, is not fully functional because it was not completely refurbished for processing the Dashuigou and Majiagou tellurium mineralized material after its purchase in 2000. While the current flotation mill has a production capacity of 25 to 30 tonnes per day, the Company believes that the mill satisfies its current needs for processing and produces acceptable tellurium concentrates at acceptable concentrating recoveries.

The current mill site is located within the planned flooding area for a major hydroelectric power station that is currently under construction. Sichuan Apollo will be compensated to relocate the mill to a new location. Sichuan Apollo is currently considering several locations for the site of the new mill. Although the location is not finalized yet, the Company believes it will be located considerably closer to the Dashuigou and Majiagou projects than the current mill, resulting in significant savings in hauling cost.

### Regional Geological Setting

The Dashuigou and Majiagou projects are located in the transitional zone between the Yangtze craton to the east and the Songpan-Ganzi orogenic belt to the west. Strata outcropping in the region include Upper Sinian System (the upper most stratigraphic unit of Proterozoic strata in China) carbonate rocks, Ordovician to Silurian System metamorphosed clastic rocks and carbonate rocks with mafic volcanic rock interbeds, Devonian System marbles and slates, Permian System carbonate rocks and metabasalts, and Lower to Middle Tertiary System lightly-metamorphosed clastic rocks with carbonate rock interbeds. These strata were separated into a number of structural blocks by lateral shear-structural zones in the north-northwestern, north-south, and northeastern directions,

and were over-thrust easterly on to the pre-Sinian metamorphosed basement.

The primary structural feature in the project area is the north-northeastern-trending dome-shaped Dashuigou anticline. The core of the anticline consists of Ordovician Dahebian Formation marbles, which are overlain by Silurian Tonghua Group metamorphosed mafic volcanic rocks, marbles, and clastic rocks. Tellurium mineralization in the project area is generally hosted by the metamorphosed mafic volcanic rocks at the lower portion of the Tonghua Group. The anticline axis has generally been eroded into a deep canyon and the Songlin River runs roughly parallel to the axis of the Dashuigou anticline.

#### Deposit Geology

The Ordovician Dahebian formation marbles outcropping as the core of the Dashuigou anticline represents the upper portion of the formation with a minimum thickness of 457 meters. The marble is generally white to light-gray in color with some dark gray bands; it is thickly to massively bedded and consists of mostly coarse-grained calcite. The Silurian Tonghua Group above the Ordovician Dahebian Formation marbles was subdivided into seven formations, but only the lower three formations, No.1 to No.3, are present in the project area. The lowest No.1 formation is a dark-gray to dark-greenish-gray actinolite, amphibole, and/or muscovite schist, which is interpreted to have been metamorphosed from a submarine mafic volcanic unit. This schist unit is 105 meters to 345 meters thick in the project area. Above the schist is the No.2 gray to white marble formation with a thickness of approximately 174 meters. This marble formation is generally massive but it contains some schist bands in the lower portion. The No.3 formation of the Tonghua Group is a greenish-gray to light-gray schist and phyllite unit, interpreted to have been formed from clastic and volcanic rocks. The No.3 schist formation is more than 765 meters thick and it mostly occurs in the northern portion of the project area.

The contacts between the three formations of the Tonghua Group are generally conformable but the contact between the Ordovician and Silurian strata was interpreted as a parallel unconformity because of the sharp change of lithology. The No.1 formation schist of the Silurian Tonghua Group is the primary host for tellurium mineralization in the project area, and the upper portion of the Ordovician Dahebian marbles may also host small amounts of mineralization locally.

The Dashuigou and Majiagou deposits occur at the northern portion of the Dashuigou anticline, where stratagenerally strike northwesterly and dip to the northeast at 10° to 30°. Some north-south-trending secondary folds and north-south, east-west, northeastern, and northwestern-trending minor faults have been developed in the project area. Many of these minor faults in the No.1 schist formation of the Silurian Tonghua Group were filled with massive sulfide and/or dolomite veins and some of the veins have significant tellurium and bismuth grades.

#### Mineralization

Tellurium mineralization at the Dashuigou and Majiagou projects occurs generally as steep-dipping, small massive sulfide and/or dolomite veins within the No.1 formation schist of the Silurian Tonghua Group.

### The Dashuigou Deposit

A total of 25 mineralized veins have been found at the Dashuigou deposit. These veins are generally striking north-south, north-northeast, to northeast, sub-parallel to the axis of the Dashuigou anticline, and dip steeply to the west at angles of mostly from 60° to 75°. They occur in an area 400 meters long in the east-west direction and over 140 meters wide in the north-south direction. The mineralized veins are generally small in size, ranging from less than 20 meters to over 100 meters in length and around 1 meter or less in width. They generally exhibit swelling and pinching, splitting and merging in both strike and dip directions. Thicker and higher-grade mineralized pods are commonly developed at the intersections of veins of different orientations.

Based on the mineral assemblage, the vein material is divided into several types, including massive sulfides, massive tellurides, carbonates (mostly dolomite-ankerite), and gold-bearing quartz. The massive sulfide is the most common mineral assemblage, which was the target for historical artisanal mining activities in the area. Tetradyomite ( $\text{Bi}_2\text{TeS}_2$ ) is the primary tellurium-bearing mineral in the deposits and contains over 80% of the tellurium. The mineral is steel-gray to pale-yellow in color, soft (with a hardness of 1.5), and heavy (with a specific gravity of 7.1 to 7.4). It occurs as coarse-grained and well-foliated masses in the massive telluride assemblage, or as small veinlets or dissemination in massive sulfide and carbonate assemblages. Electronic microprobe analysis data shows that the average chemical composition of tetradyomite from the Dashuigou deposit consists of 33.60% Te, 60.88% Bi, 4.65% S, 0.35% Se, 0.13% Ag, 0.05% Cu and 0.04% Fe, which is quite close to its theoretic composition of 36.19% Te, 59.17% Bi, and 4.55% S. Other tellurium-bearing minerals include tsumoite ( $\text{BiTe}$ ), joseite ( $\text{BiTeS}$ ) and tellurobismuthite ( $\text{BiTe}$ ) and native tellurium.

Pyrrhotite is the primary (over 90%) sulfide mineral, with small amounts of pyrite, chalcopyrite, bismuthinite, and sphalerite. Native gold, along with quartz and small amounts of sulfide minerals, occurs in minor late-stage gold-bearing quartz veins. Gauge minerals include dolomite, ankerite, calcite, quartz, muscovite, albite, chlorite, and tourmaline.

Tellurium grade distribution is very irregular, ranging from less than 0.01% to more than 8% in the deposits. Available underground sampling data indicates that of the 25 veins identified, only 3 have significant tellurium grades.

### The Majiagou Deposit

The Majiagou deposit is located due west of the Dashuigou deposit. Tellurium mineralization in the deposit is very similar to that in the Dashuigou deposit and is also hosted mostly by the No.1 formation schist of the Silurian Tonghua Group. The deposit was explored by surface trenching and limited underground workings, and a total of 26 mineralized veins have been found within an area of 600 meters long in the east-west direction and 300 meters wide in the north-south direction, but only 20 of the veins are located within the current Majiagou mining license. Many of the veins strike northeast and dip to the northwest at a steep angle; some of the veins strike northwest, north-south, or east-west.

Similar to the Dashuigou deposit, the mineralized veins at Majiagou are also small in size, ranging from a few meters to over 60 meters in length and less than 1 meter in width. They generally exhibit swelling and pinching, splitting and merging along both strike and dip directions. Mineral assemblages and alterations for the Majiagou deposit are generally also the same as that in the Dashuigou deposit.



Tellurium grade distribution is very irregular, it ranges from less than 0.01% to more than 5% in the deposit. Available surface trench and underground sampling data indicates that of the 26 veins identified, only four have significant tellurium grade.

In aggregate, both mines have an average reported tellurium grade of 1.17%. The majority of the licensed area remains unexplored and the Company believes that the unexplored areas have excellent potential for the discovery of additional tellurium-bearing veins.

#### Market Prices for Tellurium

The average price for industry grade tellurium with a purity of at least 99.95% increased dramatically from US\$13 per kilogram in 2004 to US\$215 per kilogram in 2008. Although there is insufficient public information, prices for high-purity tellurium of 99.999% to 99.99999% (or 5N to 7N) Te are considerably higher than the price of industrial grade tellurium. For example, the price for industry grade tellurium with a purity of 5N was US\$274 per kilogram in 2010, 6N was US\$485 per kilogram in 2010 and 7N was US\$512 per kilogram in 2010. The average price for industry grade tellurium with a purity of 5N was US\$260 and 6N increased to \$568 per kilogram in 2011.

### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are not involved in any material legal proceedings, nor are we aware of any potential or threatened material litigation, or any asserted claims that may result in material litigation or other legal proceedings.

### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

## PART II

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

#### Market Information

Our common stock is listed for quotation on the OTCBB under the symbol "ASOE". We have 51,795,961 issued and outstanding shares of common stock and 556 common stock holders of record.

	Common Stock Price (Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board)	
	High	Low
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.15
Third Quarter	\$ 1.90	\$ 0.50
Second Quarter	\$ 2.70	\$ 1.50
First Quarter	\$ 3.92	\$ 2.30
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2010		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 4.02	\$ 3.02
Third Quarter	\$ 4.20	\$ 2.00
Second Quarter	\$ 4.20	\$ 3.00
First Quarter	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.30

#### Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

The Company did not complete any unregistered sale of equity securities during the fourth quarter of 2011.

#### Dividends

The Company has not paid or does not expect to declare or pay any cash dividends on its common stock in the foreseeable future, and it currently intends to retain future earnings, if any, to finance the expansion of its business. The decision whether to pay cash dividends on the Company's common stock will be made by the Company's board of directors, in their discretion, and will depend on its financial condition, operating results, capital requirements and other factors that the board of directors considers significant.

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Empire Stock Transfer, Inc.

#### Equity Compensation Plan Information

Our equity compensation plan information is provided as set forth in Part III, Item 11 herein.

#### ITEM 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

Not Applicable.

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

The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future events, our plans and expectations and financial projections. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed elsewhere in this Form 10-K. See Item 1A: "Risk Factors."

### Critical Accounting Policies, Estimates and Assumptions

Management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition are based upon our consolidated financial statements. These statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These principles require management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported and disclosed in the financial statements and related notes. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to, bad debts, inventories, fixed assets, income taxes and other contingencies. We based our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the set of current conditions. Actual results may differ from these estimates under a different set of assumptions or set of conditions.

In our preparation of the consolidated financial statements for 2011 there were five estimates made which were (a) subject to a high degree of uncertainty and (b) material to our results. They were:

- Our determination of the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts, as disclosed in Note 2 to our Financial Statements. We based the determination on our assessment of the financial condition of our customers, their payment history, and their business prospects.
- Our determination to record our inventories at cost, as disclosed in Note 3 to our Financial Statements. We based the determination on our expectation that we will be able to liquidate our inventories at prices (net of selling expenses) in excess of cost.
- Our determinations of the useful life of our property and equipment, as disclosed in Note 4 to our Financial Statements. We based the determination on our assessment that the anticipated discounted cash flows from the business segment with which the property and equipment is associated exceed the book value of our property and equipment.
- Our determination of the fair value of our investment in the joint venture, as discussed in Note 7 to our Financial Statements. The determination was based on the appraised value of the assets in the joint venture and on our assessment of the anticipated discounted cash flows from the joint venture.
- Our determination to record a 100% valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets, as disclosed in Note 15 to our Financial Statements. The determination was based on our lack of assurance as to whether we will realize taxable income in the future against which the deferred tax assets can be applied.

## Results of Operations

Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

## Net sales

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2011 were \$10,369,260, compared to the net sales of \$9,594,382 for the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase of 8% was primarily attributable to our successful sales and marketing campaigns. We received more orders from new customers in 2011, as demonstrated in the following table:

	2011	2010
New Customers	\$ 3,110,778	\$ 1,918,876
Repeat Customers	7,258,482	7,675,506
	\$ 10,369,260	\$ 9,594,382

## Gross profit

Despite the 8% increase in sales, our gross profit fell slightly. Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$1,484,893, compared to the gross profit of \$1,485,896 for the year ended December 31, 2010. This represented a decrease of 0.1%, from the same period in 2010.

The reason for the decline in gross profit was a reduction in gross profit margin for the year ended December 31, 2011 to 14.3%, compared to that of 15% for the year ended December 31, 2010. This occurred because our cost of goods sold increase by 9.6%, exceeding the 8% increase in sales. Two primary factors contributed to the decrease in gross profit margin. First, labor costs increased in 2011 and on into 2012. But, more significantly, we experienced an increase in the price of most of the material we purchased from third party suppliers worldwide, especially that of tellurium. The world market price of tellurium feedstock increased more than 5% in 2011 over the price in 2010. We were not able to pass through the increase in cost to our customers. As a significant amount of our revenue was generated from the sale of high purity tellurium, our margin was impacted adversely. We expect this situation to improve during the second half of 2012 as we increase our internal tellurium production and decrease our purchases of tellurium from third parties.

## Selling expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2011, selling expenses were \$369,092, compared to \$252,748 for the year ended December 31, 2010 representing a 46% increase. The increase in selling expenses reflected our efforts to expand our customer list, and included increases in domestic and international travel, lodging and entertainment expenses.

#### General and administrative expenses

We incurred general and administrative expenses of \$4,434,638 for the year ended December 31, 2011, as compared to expenses of \$6,971,192 for the year ended December 31, 2010, representing a decrease of 36.4%. This decrease was primarily due to significant decrease in our stock based compensation expenses.

In 2011 costs for stock based compensation and stock issued for services were \$594,588 and \$305,200, respectively. In 2010 stock based compensation expense and cost for stock issued for services were \$3,348,773 and \$246,446, respectively. Excluding stock based compensation expense, we incurred other general and administrative expenses of \$3,543,850 for the year ended December 31, 2011, as compared to expenses of \$3,375,973 for the year ended December 31, 2010, representing an increase of 4.7% which was primarily due to the overall inflationary environment in China.

#### Research and development expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2011, we incurred research and development expenses of \$934,583, representing a increase of 44.7% from the research and development expenses of \$646,086 that we incurred for the year ended December 31, 2010. Most of the increase was related to the NJIT project and research efforts spent in new metal products. We are committed to the improvement of product quality and the development of new products.

#### Gain from Investment in Joint Venture; Loss on equity of Joint Venture

In 2009, we entered into a joint venture agreement, pursuant to which we acquired a 35% interest for the contribution of certain assets with a fair value of RMB49,980,000 (\$7,735,046) and debt of RMB37,170,000 (\$5,752,534). Accounting standards require that we report a gain on the difference between the initial cost of the investment and our proportionate share of the Joint Venture fair value of its net equity. Accordingly, we recorded a gain of \$730,572 during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Because we hold a minority interest in the Joint Venture, we record our share of the Joint Venture's profits and losses on the equity basis. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we incurred a loss of \$80,058 on equity of Joint Venture – COE Apollo, representing 35% of the net loss for the year incurred by that entity. During 2010 our share of its net loss was \$348,285.

#### Interest expense

For the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, we incurred interest expenses of \$272,619 and \$196,589 respectively, representing an increase of 38.7%. The increase primarily results from the increase of bank loans throughout 2010.

#### Provision for income tax

The Company's Chinese subsidiaries are governed by Income Tax Law of the PRC concerning private-run enterprises, which are generally subject to taxes at a statutory rate of 25% on income reported in the statutory financial statements prepared in accordance with PRC GAAP after appropriate tax adjustments. Operating loss can be carried forward for five years in China and, subject to certain restrictions, 20 years in the U.S. The Company's subsidiary, Xinlong, is classified as high-tech company and paid income tax at 15% in China for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.



Provision for income tax for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$0 in tax credit, compared to \$368,387 in tax credit for the year ended December 31, 2010.

#### Net loss

For the year ended December 31, 2011 we had a net loss of \$3,768,738, compared to a net loss of \$5,830,045 for the year ended December 31, 2010. Our expectation is that we will continue to incur losses until we are able to source most of our Tellurium from our own mines.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (112,367)	\$ (1,034,816)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	559,218	(1,643,403)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,781,708)	4,469,758
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	22,452	376,861
Net increase (decrease) in cash	\$ (2,312,405)	\$ 2,168,400
Cash at beginning of year	2,676,176	507,776
Cash at end of year	\$ 363,771	\$ 2,676,176

#### Net cash used in operating activities.

Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$112,367, compared to \$1,034,816 used in the year ended December 31, 2010. The primary reason for the improvement in our net cash flow from operations was the reduction of \$2,990,194 in our inventory balance. In addition, we increased our accrued expenses by \$1,506,748, which offset the \$1,448,943 in cash that we used to satisfy accounts payable for construction.

#### Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities.

Our investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 provided \$559,218 in cash. We realized \$814,967 from the sale of buildings and equipment which we used before we moved into our current facility in 2009. The cash from that sale offset the \$255,749 that we spent on property and equipment in 2011. In 2010, our investing activities used \$1,643,403 in cash, primary due to the \$1,373,374 that we spent on the battery panels.

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities.

Net cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$2,781,708, as we reduced the balance of our short-term loans by \$1,159,168 and the balance of our shareholder loan by \$1,639,727. In 2010, in contrast, we increased our short term loans by \$1,462,731 and increased our loans from shareholders by \$3,627,005. As a result, financing activities provided \$4,469,758 in cash during 2010.

#### Working capital

The Company has a working capital deficit of \$2,402,548 at December 31, 2011. This represented an atrophy of \$1,428,275 from the \$3,830,823 in working capital that it showed at December 31, 2010. The primary reason for the atrophy of working capital was the \$3,768,738 loss that we incurred in 2011. In addition, during 2011 we accepted 2,418,923 shares of our common stock from Renyi Hou, our prior CEO, in satisfaction of a debt of \$4,379,411 owed by Mr. Hou's affiliate to the Company, thereby eliminating that amount from our current assets.

#### Contractual obligations

The following table describes our contractual commitments and obligations as of December 31, 2011:

Contractual Obligations	Payments due by Period (in \$)				
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1 – 3 Years	3 – 5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Loans from shareholders and related party	\$ 214,213	\$ 214,213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Short-term loan	\$ 4,050,374	\$ 4,050,374	\$ -	-	-
	\$ 4,264,587	\$ 4,264,587	\$ --	\$ -	\$ -

#### Seasonality

Our business is not cyclical and does not have a clear pattern of seasonality.

#### Impact of Recent Currency Exchange Rate Increases

We use the U.S. dollar as the reporting currency for our financial statements. Our operations are conducted through our PRC operating subsidiary, Sichuan Apollo, and our functional currency is the RMB. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its policy of pegging the value of the RMB to the U.S. dollar and, as a result, the RMB has appreciated against the U.S. dollar by approximately 20.176% from 1:8.27 on July 21, 2005 to 1:6.6023 on December 31, 2010 and 1:6.30559 on December 31, 2011. In converting our RMB income statement amounts into U.S. dollars we used the following RMB/\$ exchange rates: 6.4615 for 2011 and 6.7682 for 2010. There is no guarantee that we will benefit from the exchange rate in the future and our operations may suffer if a less favorable exchange rate develops.

#### Future Capital Expenditures

On April 10, 2009, we signed the VIE Agreements to acquire the exploration rights of the Dashuigou area and the mining rights of the Majiahou mine. We expect to invest in exploration, mining equipment, and refinery facility in the future so that we can source tellurium internally. Additional capital for this objective may be required that is in excess of our current resources, requiring us to raise additional capital through future equity offerings or secured or unsecured debt financing. The availability of additional capital resources will depend on prevailing market conditions, interest rates, and our existing material financial position and results of operations.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

We have no material off-balance sheet transactions.

#### ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not Applicable.

#### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information required by this Item 8 is set forth at the end of this Report, beginning on Page F-1.

#### ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

#### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

##### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act, our management has carried out an evaluation, with the participation and under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2011. Disclosure controls and procedures refer to controls and other procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management conducted its evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer. That evaluation disclosed that the Company has material defects in its disclosure controls and procedures. Specifically they determined that there is a lack of expertise in U.S. GAAP among the Company's management personnel. They also determined that the size of the Company's accounting staff and low number of supervisory personnel prevented an appropriate segregation of accounting functions. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that were not effective as of December 31, 2011.



## Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officers and is effected by the Company's board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- Pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and dispositions of our assets;
- Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of our financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company, and
- Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the polices or procedures may deteriorate.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, or COSO. That evaluation disclosed that the Company has material defects in its internal control over financial reporting. Specifically they determined that there is a lack of expertise in U.S. GAAP among the Company's management personnel. They also determined that the size of the Company's accounting staff and low number of supervisory personnel prevented an appropriate segregation of accounting functions. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2011.

## Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

The term "internal control over financial reporting" (defined in SEC Rule 13a-15(f)) refers to the process of a company that is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of the year covered by this annual report, and they have concluded that there was no change to the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

## PART III

## ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Directors

The following sets forth our current directors and information concerning their age and background:

Name	Age	Position with the Company	Director Since
Jingong Pan	47	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2010
Renyi Hou	55	Director	2008
Hongwei Ke	51	Director	2008
Kang Sun	56	Director	2008
Zhimin Cao	54	Director	2008
Elliot Maza	55	Director	2009

All directors hold office until the next annual meeting of our shareholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Jingong Pan has been Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board since November, 2010 and a director and Vice President of the Company since March 17, 2010. Dr. Pan is currently an Adjunct Professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. From 2000 to 2002, Dr. Pan served as a General Manager of Flaming Sun (USA) Corp., and from 1997 to 2000, he served as Vice President of the Bank of China Group. Dr. Pan received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Harbin Institute of Technology, Masters degrees from the Harbin Institute of Technology and the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Dr. Pan has been appointed to the Board to provide his expertise in the management of high tech enterprises.

Renyi Hou has been a director since 2006. Mr. Hou was our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board from October, 2008 through November, 2010. From June, 2006 to the present date, Mr. Hou served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sichuan Apollo Solar Science & Technology Co., Ltd. In 1986, Mr. Hou created the first privately-run iron enterprise in Chengdu, Sichuan. He then entered the mineral and natural resources business in 1998 by establishing the Sichuan Mineral Resources Development Co. Ltd, of which he was Chairman and General Manager. Mr. Hou received a medical degree from the Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and a Masters of Business from Chengdu Southwest Jiaotong University. Mr. Hou has been appointed to the Board to provide his insight into the operations and business plan of Sichuan Apollo.



Hongwei Ke has been a director since October, 2008, and has served as the Managing Director of our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sichuan Apollo Solar Science & Technology Co., Ltd. since 2006. From 1999 through 2006, he served as Chairman of Beijing Joinkey Electronics Technology Development Co. Ltd. and as the Chairman and Chief Engineer of Beijing Jiegao Software Co. Ltd. From 1982 to 1999, he held positions with the Bohai Oil Company, Research Institute, Engineer and China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC) where he was a Senior Engineer and the Deputy Director of the Communication and Computer Center. Mr. Ke holds a bachelor's degree in Oil Field Chemistry from Southwest Petroleum University, Department of Petroleum Engineering. Mr. Ke has been appointed to the Board to provide his insight into the operations and business plan of Sichuan Apollo.

Kang Sun has been a director since October 2008. Since 2008, Dr. Sun has been self-employed as a business consultant. From September 2007 to July 2008, Dr. Sun served as the president and chief operating officer of JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd., and as their director from January 2007 to July 2008. Dr. Sun has also served as a director and partner at Index Capital Group, an investment company in the U.S., since 2002. From 2005 through 2007 Dr. Sun served as a managing director of new business development and chief strategy officer of new business and new product group at Applied Materials Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of semiconductor capital equipment. From 2002 to 2005, Dr. Sun served as vice president of business development of Microfabrica Inc., a U.S. manufacturer of micro devices. Dr. Sun holds a Ph. D. in Material Science from Brown University, a Master's degree in Chemistry from the University of Georgia and a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Nanjing University, China. Dr. Sun has been appointed to the Board to provide his expertise in the management of high tech enterprises.

Zhimin Cao has been a director since 2008. From 2000 through the present date, Dr. Cao has been a professor at the College of Marine Geosciences, Ocean University of China. Dr. Cao's research is focused on Economic Geology, Geochemistry, Marine Geology, Submarine Resources Exploring Sensor Technology. From May 2000 to July 2000, Dr. Cao served as a visiting scientist at Colorado State University. Dr. Cao earned his Ph. D., Master's and Bachelor's degree from Chengdu University of Technology, China University of Geosciences and Wuhan University of Geosciences (predecessor of China University of Geosciences), respectively. Dr. Cao has been appointed to the Board to provide his expertise in geosciences.

Elliot M. Maza has been a director since 2009. From 2006 through the present date, Mr. Maza has served as Chief Financial Officer of Intellect Neurosciences, Inc. (OTC: ILNS), a development stage biopharmaceutical company. Since 2011 Mr. Maza has also served as CEO and CFO of Biozone Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (OTC: BZNE), and was appointed a director of that company in 2012. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Maza was Chief Financial Officer of Emisphere Technologies, Inc., a company specializing in oral drug delivery. From March 1999 to December 2003 Mr. Maza was a partner at Ernst and Young LLP and a Vice President at Goldman Sachs, Inc. and JP Morgan Securities, Inc. From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Maza served on the board of Tapestry Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a listed development stage company focused on developing proprietary therapies for the treatment of cancer. From 1985 to April 1989, Mr. Maza practiced law at Sullivan and Cromwell LLP in New York. Mr. Maza received a B.A. in accounting from Touro College and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Mr. Maza is a licensed CPA in the State of New Jersey and the State of New York.

## Director Independence

The board of directors has determined that Kang Sun, Zhimin Cao and Elliot Maza are each an independent director as defined by the applicable rules of the NYSE Amex.

## Board Committees

Our board of directors has established the following committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee, each of which operates under a written charter adopted by the board of directors. Our board of directors and its committees set schedules to meet throughout the year and also can hold special meetings and act by written consent from time to time, as appropriate. The committees report on their activities and actions to the board of directors.

## Audit Committee

The current members of our Audit Committee are Messrs. Cao and Maza (Chairman). Our board of directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence criteria set forth in the SEC rules for audit committee membership. The board of directors has also determined that at least one member of the audit committee, Mr. Maza qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by the applicable rules of the SEC.

## Executive Officers

The following table sets forth the name and age of each of our executive officers, the positions and offices held by each executive officer with us, and the period during which the executive officers has served as one of our executive officers. All officers serve at the pleasure of the board of directors.

Name	Age	Position with the Company	Officer Since
Jingong Pan	47	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2010
Wilson Liu	43	Chief Financial Officer	2010
Hongwei Ke	51	Chief Operating Officer and Director	2010
Tong Liu	45	Corporate Secretary	2011

Jingong Pan’s biographical summary is included under “— Directors” above.



Wilson Liu has served as our Chief Financial Officer since June 2010. Mr. Liu Served as the Chief Financial Officer of Jiangsu Sanhuan Industry & Commerce Ltd, from May 2009 to May 2010. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Liu served as Assistant Vice President of the Audit and Compliance department of the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”). Mr. Liu has been a Certified Public Accountant since 2005. Mr. Liu received a Master of Science on Computer Information System from Baruch college in 1997 and Master of Science on Accounting from Baruch college in 2003.

Hongwei Ke ’s biographical summary is included under “— Directors” above.

Tong Liu has served as our Corporate Secretary since January 2011. Ms. Liu has served as the Chief Accounting Officer of Flaming Sun Corp. since May, 2005. Ms. Liu served as controller of Business Administration Association of Ministry of Foreign Trade and Commerce of China from July 1995 until March 2005. Ms. Liu received a Master of Science on Accounting from Harbin Institute of Technology in 1995.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our executive officers and directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of our common stock to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the SEC. Such persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on our review of such forms furnished to us and written representations from certain reporting persons, none of Mr. Pan, Mr. Hou, Mr. Ke, Mr. Sun, Mr. Cao, Mr. Maza or Mr. Zhou have filed such reports.

#### Communication with Directors

Shareholders may communicate with the company’s directors by transmitting correspondence by mail addressed as follows:

Corporate Secretary  
c/o Apollo Solar Energy, Inc.  
No. 485 Tengfei Third,  
Shuangliu Southwest Airport Economic Development Zone,  
Shuangliu, Chengdu  
People’s Republic of China, 610207

The Corporate Secretary will, as appropriate, forward communication to the Board or to any individual director, directors or Board committee to whom the communication is directed.

#### Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and persons performing such similar functions. A copy of our code of ethics is attached as an exhibit to our annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 15, 2009. If we make any substantive amendments to the code or grant any waiver from a provision of the code to any executive officer or director, we will promptly disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver via any means required by applicable law.



## Risk Oversight

In its governance role, and particularly in exercising its duty of care and diligence, the Board is responsible for ensuring that appropriate risk management policies and procedures are in place to protect the company's assets and business. While the Board has the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, the Board has designated the Audit Committee the initial responsibility for overseeing the company's risk assessment and risk management. In fulfilling its delegated responsibility, the Audit Committee has directed the management to ensure that an approach to risk management is implemented as a part of the day-to-day operations of the company, and to design internal control systems with a view to identifying and managing material risks.

## Board Leadership Structure

In accordance with our bylaws, our Board elects our officers, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and such other officers as the Board may appoint from time to time. This Board has not currently separated the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Jingong Pan currently serves as both our Chairman of the Board and our Chief Executive Officer.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Our Compensation Committee assists our board of directors in reviewing and approving the compensation structure of our directors and executive officers, including all forms of compensation to be provided to our directors and executive officers. With the responsibility of establishing, implementing and monitoring our executive compensation program philosophy and practices, our Compensation Committee seeks to ensure that total compensation paid to our directors and executive officers is fair and competitive.

### Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Our Compensation Committee's goals regarding executive compensation are primarily to recruit, hire, retain, motivate and reward. In determining what constitutes a fair and competitive compensation for each executive, our Compensation Committee evaluates individual executive performance with a goal of setting compensation at levels based on the executive's general business and industry knowledge and experience and comparable to executives in other companies of similar size and stage of development, while taking into account our relative performance and our strategic goals.

We conduct an annual review of the aggregate level of our executive compensation as part of the annual budget review and annual performance review processes. During our review of an individual executive's compensation, our Compensation Committee primarily considers individual performance of that executive and internal review of the executive's compensation, both individually and relative to other executive officers. Our Compensation Committee also considers factors of corporate performance including the stock prices, sales, revenue and the current overall economic situation. Adjustments to salary levels are typically made annually as part of the company's performance review process, as well as upon a change in job responsibility. Merit-based increases to salaries are based on our Compensation Committee's assessment of the individual's performance.

## Executive Compensation

The table below itemizes all compensation for the last three fiscal years paid to our Chief Executive Officer, Jingong Pan, our former Chief Executive Officer, Renyi Hou, our Chief Financial Officer, Wilson Liu, and our Chief Operating Officer, Hongwei Ke. There was no other officer of the Company whose salary and bonus for services rendered during the year ended December 31, 2011 exceeded \$100,000.

	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$)	Option Award (\$)	Total (\$)
Jingong Pan	2011	73,846	294,178	368,024
	2010	12,117	49,030	61,147
Renyi Hou	2011	-	-	-
	2010	21,256	-	21,256
	2009	21,256	-	21,256
Wilson Liu	2011	-	153,320	153,320
	2010	43,988	50,547	94,535
	2009	-	-	--
Hongwei Ke	2011	55,384	147,089	202,473
	2010	9,088	24,515	33,603
	2009	14,185	-	14,185

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards

There were no equity awards made to a named executive officer in fiscal 2011.

The following table sets forth unexercised stock options, stock that has not yet vested and equity incentive plans awards for each named executive officer outstanding as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date
Wilson Liu	06/04/10	258,333	241,667	\$ 3.45	06/04/20
Jingong Pan	11/08/10	333,333	666,667	\$ 3.50	11/08/20
Hongwei Ke	11/08/10	166,667	333,333	\$ 3.50	11/08/20

### Employment Agreements

Effective June 4, 2010, we entered into an employment agreement with Wilson Liu, our Chief Financial Officer. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Liu will be entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$87,976 for first year, increasing to \$105,572 in second year and further increasing to \$123,167 in third year and has been granted options to acquire 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock which will vest in installments over the thirty-six month period of his employment, 200,000 shares for first year and 150,000 shares each in 2nd and 3rd year. The options have an exercise price of \$3.45 per share.

Effective November 8, 2010, Dr. Jingong Pan, the Company's former Vice President, was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. As Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Pan will receive an annual salary of RMB 660,000 in first year. Dr. Pan was also granted stock options to acquire up to 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which will vest in equal yearly installments over a three year period, provided Dr. Pan remains employed with the Company. The options have an exercise price of \$3.50 per share.

Effective November 8, 2010, we entered into an employment agreement with Hongwei Ke, our Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Ke will receive an annual salary of RMB 360,000 in first year. Mr. Ke was also granted stock options to acquire up to 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which will vest in equal yearly installments over a three year period, provided Mr. Ke remains employed with the Company. The options have an exercise price of \$3.50 per share.

### Director Compensation

Our directors are reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board of directors and committee meetings. In addition, each of our non-employee directors receives compensation for participating on our board of directors comprised of annual retainers and fees for each meeting attended based on the following schedule:

	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
Meeting Attendance – In-Person	\$ 500	\$ 500
Retainer Fees		
All directors	17,000	17,000
Audit Committee Chairman	10,000	10,000
Audit Committee Member (other than Chairman)	1,500	1,500
Compensation Committee Chairman	2,000	2,000
Compensation Committee (other than Chairman)	1,500	1,500
Nomination and Governance Committee Chairman	2,000	2,000
Nomination and Governance Committee (other than Chairman)	1,500	1,500

## Fiscal 2011 Non-Employee Director Compensation

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in		Option	All Other	Total (\$)
	Cash (\$)		Awards	Compensation	
Zhimin Cao	9,286		—	—	9,286
Kang Sun	3,095		—	—	3,095
Elliot Maza	4,643		—	—	4,643

## Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of the members of the Compensation Committee have served as one of our officers or employees. None of our executive officers currently serves, or in fiscal 2011 served, as a member of the board or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers who serve on our Board or Compensation Committee.

## Risk Considerations in Determining Compensation

Our Compensation Committee reviewed the various design elements of our compensation program to determine whether any of its aspects encourage excessive or inappropriate risk-taking. Following the risk evaluation, the Compensation Committee concluded that our compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

We currently maintain one equity compensation plan that provides for the issuance of our common stock to officers and other employees, directors and consultants. This is our 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Incentive Plan”) which has not yet been approved by our stockholders. The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding options and shares reserved for issuance under the Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2011:

	Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	—	—	—
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	2,080,000	\$ 0.93	810,010
Total	2,080,000	\$ 0.93	810,010

#### Security Ownership and Certain Beneficial Owners and Managers

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock by (i) any person or group which beneficially owns more than 5% of such common stock, (ii) each member of our board of directors, (iii) each of our named executive officers and (iv) all of our executive officers and directors as a group. In determining beneficial ownership of the Common Stock, the number of shares shown includes all shares of common stock underlying options or warrants exercisable by such person within 60 days. Unless otherwise stated, each beneficial owner has sole power to vote and dispose of the shares.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(1)	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Owner	Percentage of Class
Jingong Pan(2)	1,500,000	2.9 %
Renyi Hou(3)	9,841,077	19.0 %
Hongwei Ke	890,000	1.7 %
Kang Sun(4)	20,000	*
Zhimin Cao(5)	20,000	*
Elliot Maza(6)	20,000	*
Wilson Liu(7)	500,000	1.0 %
All officers and directors (8 persons)	12,791,077	24.7 %
Huakang Zhou(8)	8,234,075	15.9 %
New Greatwall Limited(9)	14,580,475	28.1 %

\* Less than 1%



- (1) Except as otherwise noted, each shareholder's address is c/o Sichuan Apollo Solar Science & Technology Co., Ltd., No. 485 Tengfei Third, Shuangliu Southwest Airport Economic Development Zone, Shuangliu, Chengdu, People's Republic of China, 610207.
- (2) Includes options to purchase 1,000,000 shares.
- (3) Includes 4,208,000 shares owned by Mr. Hou's wife, Zhenyu Liu, 1,600,000 shares owned by Longchou Hou, 1,474,000 shares owned by Qijiu Hou and 1,200,000 shares hold by Yang Yang.
- (4) Represents share of our common stock issuable upon exercise of options held by Mr. Sun that may be exercised within 60 days of April 28, 2011.
- (5) Represents share of our common stock issuable upon exercise of options held by Mr. Cao that may be exercised within 60 days of April 28, 2011.
- (6) Represents share of our common stock issuable upon exercise of options held by Mr. Maza that may be exercised within 60 days of April 28, 2011.
- (7) Includes options to purchase 500,000 shares.
- (8) Includes 1,932,332 shares owned by Xiaojin Wang, 850,000 shares owned by Huaqin Zhou and 1,900,753 shares owned by Ying Wang, as to which Mr. Zhou has voting and dispositional control.
- (9) Includes 404,200 shares owned by Yin Jun, 2,990,000 shares owned by Feng Yuzhu, 500,000 shares owned by Feng Yuxin, and 500,000 shares owned by Dong Xuesong.

### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

#### Loan Transactions

As of December 31, 2010, the Company owed \$1,684,010 to our stockholders, Feng Yuliang and Wang Xiaojin, pursuant to the terms of short-term, non-interest bearing loans. The loans were repaid in February and March, 2011.

### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES.

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to us for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, by Paritz & Company, P.A., our independent auditors:

	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2010
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 80,000	\$ 89,500
Audit-Related Fees (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax Fees (3)	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>	<b>\$ 93,000</b>



- (1) Audit Fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our consolidated annual financial statements and review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports and services that are normally provided by Paritz & Company, P.A. in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.
- (2) Audit-Related Fees consist of fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's consolidated financial statements and are not reported under "Audit Fees." This category includes audit-related services related to acquisitions by the Company.
- (3) Tax Fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning (domestic and international). These services include assistance regarding federal, state and international tax compliance and international tax planning.

Our audit committee's policy is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent auditors. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular category of services. The independent auditor and management are required to periodically report to the audit committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent auditor in accordance with this pre-approval. The chairman of the audit committee is also authorized, pursuant to delegated authority, to pre-approve additional services and such approvals are communicated to the full audit committee at its next meeting.

The audit committee has considered the role of Paritz & Company, P.A. in providing tax services to us and has concluded that such services are compatible with Paritz & Company, P.A. independence as our auditors.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, and 2010, the audit committee pre-approved all services described above in the captions Audit Fees, Tax Fees and Registration Statement Fees.

## PART IV

## ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

3. Exhibits: The exhibits listed in the accompanying “Index to Exhibits” are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Form 10-K.

Exhibit No	Exhibit Title	Incorporated by Reference			
		Filed Herewith	Form	Exhibit No.	File No. Filing Date
3.1	Articles of Incorporation		DEF 14-A	APP. B	000-12122 1/22/2008
3.2	Restated Articles of Incorporation		8-K	3.1	000-12122 10/23/2008
3.3	Bylaws		8-K	3.1	000-12122 2/6/2008
10.1*	Labor Contract, by and between Sichuan Apollo Solar Energy Technology Co. Ltd., and Hongwei Ke, dated June 20, 2006		10-K/A	10.1	000-12122 3/30/2010
10.2	First Option Exclusive Acquiring Agreement, executed on April 10,2009, by and among Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium & Technique Co., Ltd., Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation, and all the shareholder listed on Appendix A thereto		10-K	10.2	000-12122 4/15/2009
10.3	Business Operations Agreement, executed on April 10,2009, by and among Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium & Technique Co., Ltd., Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation, and all the shareholder listed on Appendix A thereto		10-K	10.3	000-12122 4/15/2009
10.6	Exclusive Technical and Consulting Agreement, executed on April 10,2009, by and between Sichuan Xinlong		10-K	10.4	000-12122 4/15/2009

Tellurium & Technique Co.,  
Ltd . and Sichuan Xinju  
Mineral Resources  
Development Corporation

10.4	Exclusive Sales Agreement, executed on April 10, 2009, by and between Sichuan Xinlong Tellurium & Technique Co., Ltd. and Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation	10-K	10.5	000-12122	4/15/2009
10.5	Entrusted Management Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2008, by and among Renyi Hou, Liu Zhenyu, Hou Longchao, Hou Cijiu, Yang Yang, Ling Yong, Li Xuefeng, Ke Hongwei, Li Wei, He Yue, and Huakang Zhou	10-K	10.6	000-12122	4/15/2009
10.6	Loan Contract dated January 19, 2009, by and between the Company and Chengdu Xihang Gang Construction & Investment Co., Ltd.	10-K	10.10	000-12122	4/15/2009
10.7	Loan Agreement dated February 2, 2009 by and between the Company and Communication Bank of China, Sichuan Branch	10-K	10.11	000-12122	4/15/2009
10.8	Joint Research Agreement (Apollo Cd/Te Solar Energy Center), by and between Apollo Solar Energy, Inc. and New Jersey Institute of Technology, dated March 16, 2010.	8-K	10.1	000-12122	3/19/2010
10.9	Employment agreement by and between Apollo Solar Energy and Wilson Liu dated June 10, 2010.	8-K	5.02	000-12122	6/10/2010
10.10	Employment agreement by and between Apollo Solar	8-K	5.02	000-12122	11/8/2010

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Energy and Jingong Pan dated  
November 8, 2010.

14.1	Code of Ethics		10-K	20.1	000-12122	4/15/2009
21.1	List of Subsidiaries		10-K	21.1		3/31/2011
					000-12122	
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated March 31, 2010	X				
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated March 31, 2010	X				
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	X				
99.1	Independent Technical Review of the Dashiugou and Majiagou Tellurium Projects in Sichuan Province, the People's Republic of China, Final Report, issued by Behre Dolbear Asia, Inc., dated May 8, 2009.		8-K	99.2	000-12122	5/12/2009
101	INS XBRL Instance Document**	X				
101	SCH XBRL Schema Document**	X				
101	CAL XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document**	X				
101	DEF XBRL Definition Linkbase Document**	X				

101 LAB XBRL Labels Linkbase Document\*\* X

101 PRE XBRL Presentation Linkbase X  
Document\*\*

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\* Denotes a compensatory plan, contract or arrangement, in which the registrant's directors or executive officers may participate.

\* \* The XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability of that section and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Apollo Solar Energy, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on .

Apollo Solar Energy, Inc.

By: /s/ Jingong Pan  
Name: Jingong Pan  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed by the following persons on May 15, 2012 in the capacities indicated.

/s/ Jingong Pan  
Jingong Pan  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Wilson Liu  
Wilson Liu  
Chief Financial and Accounting Officer

/s/ Hongwei Ke  
Hongwei Ke  
Director

/s/ Kang Sun  
Kang Sun  
Director

/s/ Zhimin Cao  
Zhimin Cao  
Director

/s/ Elliot Maza  
Elliot Maza  
Director

APOLLO SOLAR ENERGY, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

(AUDITED)

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Apollo Solar Energy, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Apollo Solar Energy and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Apollo Solar Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the results of their operations and cash flows for each of the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As shown in Note 1 to the accompanying financial statements, the Company has negative working capital of \$2,402,548, did not generate cash from its operations, and had operating loss for past two years. These circumstances raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

/s/Paritz & Company, P.A.

Hackensack, New Jersey  
May 15, 2012

APOLLO SOLAR ENERGY, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In US Dollars)

December 31,  
2011                      2010

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$363,771	\$2,676,176
Account receivable net of allowance for doubtful accounts \$57,994 and \$3,465, respectively	804,577	294,214
Inventories	4,065,987	6,809,700
Due from stockholders and related parties	-	4,411,565
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,001,660	799,359
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>6,235,995</b>	<b>14,991,014</b>
Property, machinery and mining assets, net	20,370,831	21,081,705
Asset held for sale	924,765	1,098,700
Non-marketable investments	55,506	53,012
Investment in and advances to Joint Venture	581,963	588,568
	21,933,065	22,821,985
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,169,060</b>	<b>\$37,812,999</b>

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Short-term loan	\$4,050,374	\$5,002,802
Account payable - trade	202,853	375,520
- Construction vendors	1,493,155	2,844,102
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	2,677,948	1,098,178
Deferred tax liabilities	-	25,329
Due to stockholders and related parties	214,213	1,814,260
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,638,543</b>	<b>11,160,191</b>

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Preferred stock, \$.001 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010	-	-
Common stock, \$.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 51,795,961 shares issued and 49,377,038 shares outstanding at December 31, 2011, 51,655,961 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2010, respectively	51,796	51,656
Additional paid-in capital	32,609,043	31,709,395
Treasury stock, 2,418,923 shares at cost	(5,216,770 )	-
Accumulated deficit	(10,897,576)	(7,128,838 )

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Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,984,024	2,020,595
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>19,530,517</b>	<b>26,652,808</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$28,169,060</b>	<b>\$37,812,999</b>

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APOLLO SOLAR ENERGY, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(In US Dollars)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
SALES	\$10,369,260	\$9,594,382
COST OF SALES	8,884,367	8,108,486
GROSS PROFIT	1,484,893	1,485,896
OPERATING EXPENSES		
General and administrative expenses	4,434,638	6,971,192
Selling expenses	369,092	252,748
Research and development expenses	934,583	646,086
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	5,738,313	7,870,026
OPERATING LOSS	(4,253,420 )	(6,384,130 )
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Interest income - related party	837,359	-
Interest expenses, net of interest income	(272,619 )	(196,589 )
Gain on investment in Joint Venture	-	730,572
Loss in equity in Joint Venture	(80,058 )	(348,285 )
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(3,768,738 )	(6,198,432 )
Income tax credit	-	(368,387 )
NET LOSS	\$(3,768,738 )	\$(5,830,045 )
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$963,429	\$733,401
COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	\$(2,805,309 )	\$(5,096,644 )
Basic and Diluted Loss per common share		
Basic and diluted	\$(0.08 )	\$(0.12 )
Weighted average number of common share outstanding		
Basic and diluted	49,819,684	48,460,149

APOLLO SOLAR ENERGY, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010  
(IN US DOLLARS)

	Common Stock, par value \$.001		Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total
	Shares	Amount					
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2010	44,555,131	\$ 44,555	\$ 19,192,138	\$-	\$(1,298,792 )	\$ 1,287,194	\$ 19,225,095
Conversion of stockholder loan to common stock	5,578,330	5,578	8,923,561				8,929,139
Issuance of common stock to directors for service	22,500	23	78,750				78,773
Issuance of option for services			246,446				246,446
Issuance of common stock for consulting service	1,500,000	1,500	3,268,500				3,270,000
Foreign currency translation adjustment						733,401	733,401
Net loss					(5,830,046 )		(5,830,046 )
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2010	51,655,961	\$ 51,656	\$ 31,709,395	\$-	\$(7,128,838 )	\$ 2,020,595	\$ 26,652,808
Acquisition of treasury stock for repayment of loan from related party	140,000	140	305,060	(5,216,770)			(5,216,770 )
							305,200

Issuance of common stock for service			
Issuance of option for service	594,588		594,588
Foreign currency translation adjustment		963,429	963,429
Net loss		(3,768,738 )	(3,768,738 )

BALANCE AT  
DECEMBER

31, 2011	51,795,961	\$ 51,796	\$ 32,609,043	\$(5,216,770)	\$(10,897,576)	\$ 2,984,024	\$ 19,530,517
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APOLLO SOLAR ENERGY, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(In US Dollars)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net loss	\$(3,768,738)	\$(5,830,045)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Stock-based compensation	899,788	3,595,196
Interest income from related party loan	(837,359 )	-
Gain on investment in Joint Venture	-	(730,572 )
Loss in equity of Joint Venture	80,058	348,285
Depreciation	969,442	952,112
Deferred taxes	(25,329 )	(368,387 )
Mark-down of asset held for sale	220,189	274,675
Loss on sale of assets	133,119	-
Provision for bad debts	53,054	277,605
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Account receivable	(537,589 )	(399,089 )
Inventories	2,990,194	1,147,244
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(161,258 )	(191,480 )
Account payable - trade	(185,743 )	80,161
- construction	(1,448,943)	(14,090 )
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,506,748	(176,431 )
<b>NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(112,367 )</b>	<b>(1,034,816)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Cash paid for investment	-	(7,388 )
Acquisition of property and equipment	(255,749 )	(262,641 )
Acquisition of asset held for sale	-	(1,373,374)
Proceeds from sale of assets	814,967	-
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>559,218</b>	<b>(1,643,403)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from (repayments of) short-term loans	(1,159,168)	1,462,731
Proceeds from (repayments of) shareholder loan	(1,639,727)	3,627,005
Advances from (payment to) related party	17,187	(619,978 )
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(2,781,708)</b>	<b>4,469,758</b>
<b>EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>22,452</b>	<b>376,861</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(2,312,405)</b>	<b>2,168,400</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,676,176</b>	<b>507,776</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$363,771</b>	<b>\$2,676,176</b>

## Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Interest paid	\$263,395	\$247,182
Income taxes paid	\$18,956	\$98,234

## Non-cash financing activities:

Conversion of debt to common stock	\$-	\$8,929,139
Treasury stock acquired in exchange for loan to related parties	\$5,216,770	\$-
Assets sold	\$971,537	\$-

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APOLLO SOLAR ENERGY, INC.  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

NOTE 1. BUSINESS DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

On October 14, 2008, the Company completed a reverse merger transaction with Apollo Solar Energy, Inc., (“ASE-Delaware”) by issuing 4,000 shares of its common stock in exchange for each outstanding share of ASE-Delaware’s common stock. Under the terms of the merger agreement, all of the outstanding shares of common stock of ASE-Delaware were exchanged for 44,000,000 shares of common stock of the Company, resulting in the former shareholders of ASE-Delaware owning 98.75% of the Company’s issued and outstanding common stock.

For accounting purposes, ASE-Delaware became the surviving entity whereas the Company was recognized as the surviving entity for legal purposes. Accordingly, the financial statements include the assets, liabilities and operations of ASE-Delaware.

On August 4, 2008, ASE-Delaware, an inactive company, acquired 100% of the registered capital of Sichuan Apollo Solar Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (“Sichuan Apollo”), in a transaction accounted for as a reorganization.

Sichuan Apollo was formed in June, 2006 in the People’s Republic of China and develops and manufactures high purity metals and compounds which are widely used in the field of national defense, navigation, spaceflight and the electronic industry. In addition, the Company is developing semiconductor, photoelectrical, photoconductive and photovoltaic basic materials for thin film solar cells through its 100% owned subsidiary, Sichuan Xinlong Diye Tellurium Industry & Technique Co., Ltd (“Diye”).

Effective August 22, 2008 Diye acquired 100% of the equity of Sichuan Xinju Shimian Dadu River Mining & Metallurgy Co., Ltd. (“Dadu River”) from significant shareholders of Apollo. Dadu River owns the exclusive rights to the Dashuigou tellurium mine through at least January 2013. Prior year financial statements have not been restated as the effects of this acquisition of the financial position and results of operations are immaterial.

The company entered into various exclusive contractual arrangements on April 10, 2009 with Sichuan Xinju Mineral Resources Development Corporation, or the VIE, and certain of its shareholders who are our direct or indirect employees and who collectively own 51.6619% of the VIE. Among other things, these agreements granted to our wholly-owned subsidiary a first option to purchase the exploration rights related to the Dashuigou area mine and the mining rights related to that certain tellurium and bismuth mine in Shimian Majiagou (which rights are collectively referred to in this report as the Mining Business). Additionally, the VIE and certain of its shareholders who collectively own 51.6619% of the VIE granted to our wholly-owned subsidiary an exclusive right to purchase all of the products produced from the Mining Business for a specified period of time. As a result, we consolidate the financial results of the VIE related to the Mining Business.

On June 20, 2011, the Board of Directors approved the formation of a fully owned subsidiary in Hefei, Anhui province in China with registered capital of 10 million RMB (approximately \$1.5 million), to facilitate the solar panel installation project and the sale of solar panels the company purchased from EPV. On June 22, 2011, the capital inspection report was completed and the formation of the subsidiary was approved by local authorities on June 28, 2011, and the business license was obtained on the same date. In December 31, 2011, the subsidiary changed its name from Sichuan Apollo Solar Science & Technology Hefei Co. Ltd. to Hefei Junrun Energy & Technology Co. Ltd.

#### Basis of presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“US GAAP”).

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant inter-company transactions and balances among the Company and its subsidiaries are eliminated upon consolidation.

Certain amounts included in the 2010 financial statement have been reclassified to conform to the 2011 financial statement presentation.

The Company’s functional currency is the Chinese Renminbi (“RMB”); however, the accompanying financial statements have been translated and presented in United States Dollars (“USD”).

#### Going concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As shown in the accompanying financial statements, the Company has negative working capital of \$2,402,548, did not generate cash from its operations, and has had operating losses for past two years. These circumstances, among others, raise substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Management plans to increase its marketing in order to generate more revenues and to reduce certain other operating expenses. For our next fiscal year, we anticipate our cash flow from operations to improve. The Company anticipates that its current cash position will be insufficient to support the Company's operations at current capacity for the next twelve month period and, therefore, will need to seek additional financing of its operations. We may rely on bank borrowing as well as capital issuances and loans from existing shareholders. We are actively exploring various proposals and alternatives in order to secure sources of financing and improve our financial position. We may raise such additional capital through the issuance of our equity securities, which may result in significant dilution to our current investors. We are also exploring potential strategic partnerships, which could provide a capital infusion to the Company.

## NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates

and assumptions include valuing equity securities issued in share based payment arrangements, determining the fair value of our common stock, the collectability of accounts receivable and deferred taxes and related valuation allowances. Certain of our estimates, including evaluating the collectability of accounts receivable, could be affected by external conditions, including those unique to our industry, and general economic conditions. It is possible that these external factors could have an effect on our estimates that could cause actual results to differ from our estimates. We re-evaluate all of our accounting estimates at least quarterly based on these conditions and record adjustments when necessary.

#### Cash and Cash equivalents

The Company maintains cash with financial institutions in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") which are not insured or otherwise protected. Should any of these institutions holding the Company's cash become insolvent, or if the Company is unable to withdraw funds for any reason, the Company could lose the cash on deposit with that institution.

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand and cash in time deposits, certificates of deposits and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Accounts Receivable

We have a policy of reserving for uncollectible accounts based on our best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in our existing accounts receivable. We extend credit to our customers based on an evaluation of their financial condition and other factors. We generally do not require collateral or other security to support accounts receivable. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and maintain an allowance for potential bad debts if required.

We determine whether an allowance for doubtful accounts is required by evaluating specific accounts where information indicates the customers may have an inability to meet financial obligations. In these cases, we use assumptions and judgment, based on the best available facts and circumstances, to record a specific allowance for those customers against amounts due to reduce the receivable to the amount expected to be collected. These specific allowances are re-evaluated and adjusted as additional information is received. The amounts calculated are analyzed to determine the total amount of the allowance. We may also record a general allowance as necessary.

Direct write-offs are taken in the period when we have exhausted our efforts to collect overdue and unpaid receivables or otherwise evaluate other circumstances that indicate that we should abandon such efforts.

The Company recorded bad debt expense of approximately \$53,054 and \$277,605 in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

#### Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined on the weighted-average method. Work in progress and finished goods are composed of direct material, direct labor and a portion of manufacturing overhead. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs to complete and dispose.

#### Advance for purchases

The Company made interest free advances to certain vendors for purchase of its raw materials and construction in progress equipment.

#### Property, machinery and mining assets

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Once placed in service, depreciation is provided in amounts sufficient to amortize the cost of the related assets over their useful lives using the straight line method. Land use right is amortized over the lease period.

Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to expense when incurred. Replacements and major renewals are capitalized.

Expenditures for new facilities or equipment and expenditures that extend the useful lives of existing facilities or equipment are capitalized and depreciated using the straight-line method at rates sufficient to depreciate such costs over the estimated productive lives.

Mineral exploration costs are expensed according to the term of the license granted to the Company by the PRC. Extraction rights are stated at the lower of cost and recoverable amount. When extraction rights are obtained from the government according to the mining industry practice in the PRC, no development costs will be capitalized, or subsequently amortized, until the company determines the existence of reserves pursuant to Industry Guide 7. At the Company's underground mines, these costs include the cost of building access ways, shaft sinking and access, lateral development, drift development, ramps and infrastructure development.

#### Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment when circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. For assets that are to be held and used, impairment is recognized when the estimated undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset or group of assets is less than their carrying value. If impairment exists, an adjustment is made to write the asset down to its fair value, and a loss is recorded as the difference between the carrying value and fair value. Fair values are determined based on quoted market values, discounted cash flows or internal and external appraisals, as applicable. Assets to be disposed of are carried at the lower of carrying value or estimated net realizable value.

No impairment loss on long-term assets was recorded for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 respectively.

#### Investments

The Company accounts for non-marketable investments (including investment in Joint Venture) using the equity method of accounting if the investment gives us the ability to exercise significant influence over, but not control of, an investee. Significant influence generally exists if the Company has an ownership interest representing between 20% and 50% of the voting stock of the investee. Under the equity method of accounting, investments are stated at initial cost and are adjusted for subsequent additional investments and our proportionate share of earnings or losses and distributions. The Company records its share of the investee's earnings or losses in earnings (losses) from unconsolidated entities, net of income taxes in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. The Company evaluates its equity method investment for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate, in management's judgment, that the carrying value of such investment may have experienced other than temporary decline in value. When evidence of loss in value has occurred, management compares the estimated fair value of the investment to the carrying value of the investment to determine whether an impairment has occurred. If the estimated fair value is less than the carrying value and management considers the decline in value to be other than temporary value, the excess of the carrying value over the estimated fair value is recognized in the financial statements as an impairment.



The Company accounts for non-marketable investment using the cost method of accounting if the Company has an ownership interest below 20% and does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over an investee.

#### Stock-Based Compensation

We recognize compensation expense for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For employee stock-based awards, we calculate the fair value of the award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes method for stock options and the quoted price of our common stock for unrestricted shares; the expense is recognized over the service period for awards expected to vest. For non-employee stock-based awards, we calculate the fair value of the award on the date of grant in the same manner as employee awards, however, the awards are revalued at the end of each reporting period and the pro rata compensation expense is adjusted accordingly until such time the nonemployee award is fully vested, at which time the total compensation recognized to date equals the fair value of the stock-based award as calculated on the measurement date, which is the date at which the award recipient's performance is complete. The estimation of stock-based awards that will ultimately vest requires judgment, and to the extent actual results or updated estimates differ from original estimates, such amounts are recorded as a cumulative adjustment in the period estimates are revised. We consider many factors when estimating expected forfeitures, including types of awards, employee class, and historical experience.

#### Deferred income taxes

We use the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic 740, "Income Taxes." Under this method, income tax expense is recognized for the amount of: (i) taxes payable or refundable for the current year and (ii) deferred tax consequences of temporary differences resulting from matters that have been recognized in an entity's financial statements or tax returns. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the results of operations in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided to reduce the deferred tax assets reported if based on the weight of the available positive and negative evidence, it is more likely than not some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

ASC Topic 740.10.30 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. ASC Topic 740.10.40 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. We have no material uncertain tax positions for any of the reporting periods presented.

#### Currency translation

Since the Company operates in the PRC, the Company's functional currency is the RMB. Revenue and expense accounts are translated at the average rates during the period, and assets and liabilities are translated at year-end rates and equity accounts are translated at historical rate. Translation adjustments arising from the use of different exchange rates from period to period are included as a component of stockholders' equity. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions are recognized in current operations.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

We have adopted the provisions of ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", which defines fair value as used in numerous accounting pronouncements, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure of fair value measurements.

The estimated fair value of certain financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses are carried at historical cost basis, which approximates fair values because of the short-term maturing of these instruments. The carrying amounts of our short and long term credit obligations approximate fair value because the effective yields on these obligations, which include contractual interest rates which are comparable to rates of returns for instruments of similar credit risk and because of the short term maturity of these instruments.

ASC 820 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. ASC 820 also establishes a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. ASC 820 describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable

Level 3 – inputs that are unobservable (for example cash flow modeling inputs based on assumptions)

We have no Finance Assets, Liabilities measured at fair value on a recovery basis.

### Segment reporting

The Company is using “management approach” model for segment reporting. The management approach model is based on the way a company’s management organized segments within the company for making operating decisions and assessing performance. Reportable segments are based on products and services, geography, legal structure, management structure, or any other manner in which management disaggregates a company.

### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized at the date of shipment to customers when a formal arrangement exists, the price is fixed or determinable, the delivery is completed, and no other significant obligations of the Company exist and collectability is reasonably assured. Payments received before all of the relevant criteria for revenue recognition are satisfied and recorded as advances from customers. No revenues have been recognized in the mining segment or manufacturing segment.

### Research and development

Research and development expenditures are charged to operations as incurred. Research and development expenditures were \$934,583 and \$646,086 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

### Advertising expense

Advertising and promotional costs are expensed as incurred.

### Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income is defined to include all changes in equity except those resulting from investments by shareholders and distributions to shareholders. Among other disclosures, all items that are required to be recognized under current accounting standards as components of comprehensive income are required to be reported in a financial statement that is presented with the same prominence as other financial statements. Comprehensive income includes net income and the foreign currency translation gain, net of tax.

### Loss per share

Basic losses per share are computed by dividing losses available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted losses per share are computed similar to basic earnings per share, except that the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the potential common shares had been issued and if the additional common shares were dilutive. As a result of the net loss in 2011 and 2010, the calculation of diluted loss per share does not include the dilutive effect to stock options.

## Recently issued accounting pronouncements

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that do not require adoption until a future date are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

## NOTE 3. INVENTORIES

The inventories consist of the following:

	As of	
	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Raw Materials	\$ 719,635	\$ 1,681,446
Work-in-progress	1,322,666	2,097,039
Finished goods	2,023,686	3,031,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,065,987</b>	<b>\$ 6,809,700</b>

No inventory markdown was charged to cost of goods sold for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

## NOTE 4. PROPERTY, MACHINERY AND MINING ASSETS, NET

A summary of property and equipment and the estimated lives used in the computation of depreciation and amortization is as follows:

	Estimated	As of	
	lives (years)	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Buildings	40	\$ 13,703,613	\$ 14,199,056
Right to use land	50	4,326,310	4,131,884
Machinery and equipment	10	3,672,942	3,731,260
Office equipment	5	368,864	356,429
Vehicle	5-10	602,302	553,878
Mining	5-40	578,699	489,012
Construction in progress		1,047,891	928,035
Sub-total		24,300,621	24,389,554
Less: Accumulated depreciation		( 3,929,790)	(3,307,849 )
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 20,370,831</b>	<b>\$ 21,081,705</b>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$969,442 and \$952,112, respectively.

#### NOTE 5. ASSET HELD FOR SALE

The Company acquired battery panels in April 2010 for a solar power project. Subsequently, the Company discontinued the project and reclassified those battery panels from fixed assets to asset held for sale. The battery panels were purchased for \$1,438,000 and an impairment loss of \$274,675 was recorded on 2010 and additional \$220,189 impairment loss was recorded in 2011.

#### NOTE 6. DUE FROM RELATED PARTIES

The amounts due from related parties are as follows:

	As of December 31	
	2011	2010
Due from Xinju	\$ -	\$ 4,379,411
Due from shareholder	-	32,154
Total	\$ -	\$ 4,411,565

Xinju is a related party partially owned by the second largest shareholder of Apollo, Renyi Hou. Mr. Hou exchanged 2,418,923 shares of the Company's common stock in full settlement of the obligation. All the above loans are non-interest bearing and due on demand.

#### NOTE 7. EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

On November 9, 2009, Sichuan Apollo Solar Science & Technology Co. Ltd. ("Sichuan Apollo"), a wholly-owned foreign subsidiary of the Company entered into a joint venture agreement (the "Agreement") with Bengbu Design & Research Institute for Glass Industry ("Bengbu") and a local Chinese government agency (the "Agency"). The Joint Venture ("JV") was formed to conduct research and development related to glass used in the production of thin film solar cells and manufacture thin film solar cells. As of December 31, 2010 the JV had not commenced the production of thin film solar cells. The Company accounts for this investment under the equity method of accounting.

Under the terms of the agreement, the JV was to be formed with an aggregate cash capital contribution of RMB 142,800,000 by Bengbu and the Agency and the contribution by Sichuan Apollo's of assets consisting of land, a manufacturing plant, equipment and three patents with a net book value of approximately \$1.7 million with a fair market value of RMB 49,980,000 (approximately \$7.3 million). Bengbu and the Agency own an aggregate of 65% of the JV and Sichuan Apollo owns the remaining 35%. In addition, under the terms of the agreement, debt of Sichuan Apollo aggregating RMB 37,170,000 (approximately \$5,444,500) owed to the Agency was assigned to the JV.

The value of the net assets contributed by Sichuan Apollo was equal to the proportionate value of the total capital contribution to be made to the JV taking into consideration the cash contribution by the other parties. The assets were valuation services provided by an independent third party.

In accordance with ASC 805-40, Sichuan Apollo has reported a gain on the difference between the initial cost of the investment and the Company's proportionate share the JV's fair value of its net equity, which, if treated as a consolidated subsidiary would have resulted in negative goodwill to be recorded as a gain. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company contributed net assets of RMB 3,018,000 (equivalent to \$442,068) and a RMB 37,170,000 (equivalent to \$5,444,500) loan payable to the Agency was assigned to the JV. This resulted in an excess of the proportionate share of the JV's net assets at fair market value over the cost of the assets contributed of RMB 27,170,784 (equivalent to \$3,977,511) which was reported as income on the Company statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company transferred three patents to the JV with appraised value of approximately \$2 million and reported a gain of \$730,572.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, there were no capital contributions due to the JV and no gain was realized by Sichuan Apollo. In April 2012, all of capital contributions due to JV were contributed by all shareholders of JV. Sichuan Apollo will report additional gains in the second quarter of 2012.

Summarized financial information for our investment in JV assuming a 100% ownership interest is as follows:

	December 31	
	2011	2010
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Current assets	\$ 7,417,092	\$ 8,478,255
Noncurrent assets	5,081,459	3,226,430
Current Liabilities	6,630,766	6,255,396
Noncurrent liabilities	396,474	-
Equity	\$ 5,471,311	\$ 5,449,289
	Year Ended December 31	
	2011	2010
<b>Statement of operations</b>		
Revenues	\$ 21,075	\$ 468,804
Gross profit	2,086	10,428
Loss before income tax	(228,737 )	(990,793 )
Net loss	\$ (228,737 )	\$ (990,793 )

## NOTE 8. NON-MARKETABLE SECURITIES

On March 12, 2009, the Company entered into an agreement to invest RMB300,000 (equivalent to \$43,900 at date of signing), for a 6% interest, with two non-affiliates to establish a new company engaged in the green energy industry. The Company accounted for this investment using the cost method of accounting.

In September 2010, the Company entered into an agreement to invest RMB50,000 (equivalent to \$7,472 at date of signing), with four non-affiliates to establish a new research institute engaged in the green energy industry based in Chengdu. The Company accounted for this investment using the cost method of accounting.

## NOTE 9. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER SUNDRY CURRENT ASSETS

	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Advances for purchases	\$ 908,760	\$ 638,845
Other receivable	92,900	135,514
Other prepaid expenses	-	25,000
Total	\$ 1,001,660	\$ 799,359

## NOTE 10. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities are listed as below:

	As of December 31,	
	2011	2010
Accrued Interest	\$ 819,418	\$ 782,515
Salaries and benefits	275,194	142,180
Other taxes	715,277	11,402
Professional fees	102,779	92,833
Other payables	765,280	69,248
Total	\$ 2,677,948	\$ 1,098,178

## NOTE 11. SHORT-TERM LOAN

The short-term loans for 2011 and 2010 include the following:

	Balance at December 31,	
	2011	2010
1) Loan payable to Chengdu Xihang Gang Construction & Investment Co., Ltd. due on demand, without interest collateralized by certain plant equipment of Sichuan Apollo	\$654,974	\$625,540
2) Loan payable to Bank of Communication, Chengdu branch due on		
a. July 29, 2012, with interest at 8.53% per annum, collateralized by the buildings and land use right of Diye.	317,179	
b. March 9, 2011, with interest at 6.638% per annum, collateralized by the buildings and land use right of Diye		302,924
3) Loan payable to Bank of China, Xihanggang Branch, Chengdu due on		
a. August 25, 2012, with interest at 7.74% per annum, collateralized by the Buildings of Sichuan Apollo	792,947	
b. August 25, 2011, with interest at 5.841% per annum, collateralized by the Buildings of Sichuan Apollo		757,312
4) Loan payable to Bank of China, Xihanggang Branch, Chengdu due on		
a. September 19, 2012, with interest at 7.74% per annum, collateralized by the buildings of Sichuan Apollo	697,794	
b. September 9, 2011, with interest at 5.841% per annum, collateralized by the the buildings of Sichuan Apollo		757,312
5) Loan payable to Merchant Bank, Wangjiang Road, Chengdu due on July 16, 2011, with interest at 6.372% per annum, collateralized by the buildings of Sichuan Apollo		1,060,237
6) Loan payable to Bank of China, Xihanggang Branch, Chengdu due on,		
a. December 25, 2012, with interest at 7.74% per annum, collateralized by the buildings of Sichuan Apollo	1,585,894	
b. March 9, 2011, with interest at 15% per annum, collateralized by the Buildings of Sichuan Apollo. The loan was renewed in January 2011 with 6.856% interest per annum and will be due in January 6, 2012.		1,499,477
		-
7) Loan payable to Bank of China, Xihanggang Branch, Chengdu, due on March 28, 2012, with interest of 6.73% per annum. The loan was paid in full in March 2012.	1,586	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,050,374</b>	<b>\$5,002,802</b>

## NOTE 12. DUE TO STOCKHOLDERS

	December 31, 2011	As of December 31, 2010
Due to Xinju	\$2,992	\$ -
Due to stockholders	211,221	1,814,260
	\$214,213	\$ 1,814,260

The amounts due to stockholders consist of non-interest bearing loans. The amount of \$1,814,260 which was outstanding at December 31, 2010 was fully repaid in January 2011. The stockholders advanced an additional \$211,221 during the year ended December 31, 2011 which is due on demand.

The amount due to Xinju is non-interest bearing and due on demand.

## NOTE 13. STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

The Company adopted the Apollo Solar Energy, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan pursuant to which the Company may issue up to 6,675,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The plan administrator has the authority, in its sole discretion, to determine the type or types of award including, but not limited to, Incentive Stock Options, Non Qualified Stock Options, Performance Options, Performance Stock Awards, and Restricted Stock Awards.

The exercise price of Incentive Stock Options cannot be less than the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. The term of Options granted under the plan is established by the plan administrator, or if not established is 10 years.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company issued 2,000,000 options to three employees.

In 2011, no options were issued.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of stock options. The Company recognizes stock-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award.

The key assumptions for the Black-Scholes valuation method include the expected life of the option, stock price volatility, a risk-free interest rate, and dividend yield. Many of these assumptions are judgmental and highly sensitive. Following is a table of the weighted-average Black-Scholes value of our stock option grants, and the key weighted-average assumptions used in the valuation calculations for the options granted.

Weighted-average Black-Scholes value

Black-Scholes Assumptions:

Expected lives	3 years
Expected volatility	40%
Risk-free interest rate	2%
Dividend yield	-

A summary of option activity under the Stock Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and changes during the years then ended is as following:

	Shares	Weighted Average Shares Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2010	830,000			
Granted	2,000,000	\$ 2.80		
Exercised	-			
Forfeited or expired	(750,000 )			
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	2,080,000	\$ 3.44	2.75 years	\$ 810,010
Granted	-			
Exercised	-			
Forfeited or expired	-			
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	2,080,000	\$ 3.43	1.75 years	-
Exercisable at December 31, 2011	838,334	\$ 3.15		

A summary of the status of non-vested options as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and changes during the years then ended is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Nonvested at January 1, 2010	406,250	
Granted	2,000,000	\$ 2.80
Vested	(196,667)	\$ 3.72
Forfeited or expired	(326,583)	
Nonvested at December 31, 2010	1,883,000	\$ 3.49
Granted	-	\$ -
Vested	(641,667)	\$ 3.60
Forfeited or expired	-	-
Nonvested at December 31, 2011	1,241,667	\$ 3.34



No options were exercised during the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. 750,000 options issued to our former CFO were forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2010 as his employment was terminated.

#### NOTE 14. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

On March 28, 2010, certain existing company stockholders and one debtor entered into a Cancellation of Debt and Conversion Agreement with the Company pursuant to which each such stockholders agreed to convert aggregate loan to the Company in the amount of \$8,925,329 into shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$1.60 per share. In April 2010, the Company issued 5,578,331 shares of restricted common stock.

In August 2010, the Company issued 22,500 shares of restricted common stock, valued at \$78,750, to one of the Company's directors and the Company's secretary for the services rendered by them from March, 2010 to August, 2010.

In December 2010, the Company issued 1,500,000 shares of restricted common stock to 11 of the Company's consultants for the services rendered by them through December 31, 2010. All the related stock compensation expense, valued at \$3,270,000, was recorded as General and administrative expense in 2010.

In 2011, 120,000 shares of common stock were issued to J&M Corp LLP for service rendered in 2011. 20,000 shares of common stock were issued to the secretary of the Company's board of directors for services rendered.

#### NOTE 15. TAXES

##### Corporation income tax

The Company is incorporated in the United States of America and is subject to United States federal taxation. No provisions for income taxes have been made, as the Company had no U.S. taxable income for the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

The Company's Chinese subsidiaries are governed by the Income Tax Law of the PRC concerning the privately run and foreign invested enterprises, which are generally subject to tax at a statutory rate of 25% on income reported in the statutory financial statements after appropriate tax adjustments.

On July 16, 2009, one of our wholly owned subsidiary, Sichuan Xinlong received PRC government approval on the High-Tech Enterprise Certificate which allowed us to enjoy a favorable tax rate of 15% effective January 1, 2009 and through December 31, 2011. The Company is in the process of applying to renew this certificate for 2012 and the following years.

The comparison of income tax expense at the U.S. statutory rate of 35% in 2011 and 2010, to the Company's effective tax is as follows:

	December 31	
	2011	2010
U.S. statutory rate a 35%	\$ (1,318,588)	\$ (2,139,905)
Tax rate difference between China and U.S.	400,832	255,048
Change in valuation allowance	914,431	1,549,404
Net operating loss expired	32,579	-
Tax paid for prior periods	26,657	-
Permanent difference	(55,911 )	(32,934 )
Effective tax	\$ -	\$ (368,387 )

The provisions for income taxes are summarized as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Current	\$ 25,329	\$ -
Deferred	(25,329)	(368,387)
Total	\$ -	\$ (368,387)

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to the Company's net deferred tax asset as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2011	2010
Deferred tax assets		
Inventory markdown	\$ 61,939	\$ 81,893
Bad debt expense	121,363	111,413
Depreciation	47,402	59,818
Accrued taxes and other accruals	130,859	-
Loss on impairment	33,500	-
Net loss carryforward	3,291,357	2,949,341
Gain on investment in JV	(158,965 )	(653,970 )
Other	18,240	57,440
Gross deferred tax assets	3,545,695	2,605,935
Valuation allowance	(3,545,695)	(2,631,264)
Net deferred tax	\$ -	\$ (25,329 )

Based on management's present assessment, the Company has determined that it is more likely than not a deferred tax asset attributable to the future utilization of the net operating loss carry-forward as of December 31, 2011 will not be realized. Accordingly, the Company has provided a 100% allowance against the deferred tax asset in the financial statements at December 31, 2011. The Company will continue to review this valuation allowance and make adjustments as appropriate.

## Value added tax (“VAT”)

Enterprises or individuals who sell commodities, engage in repair and maintenance or import or export goods in the PRC are subject to a value added tax in accordance with the PRC laws. The value added tax standard rate is 17% of the gross sales price. A credit is available whereby VAT paid on the purchases of semi-finished products or raw materials used in the production of the Company’s finished products can be used to offset the VAT due on the sales of the finished products.

As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Company had VAT tax payable of \$62,511 and receivable of \$144,707, respectively.

## NOTE 16. PRC STATUTORY RESERVES

In accordance with the PRC Companies Law, the Company is required to transfer 10% of its profit after tax, as determined in accordance with accounting standards and regulations of the PRC, to the statutory surplus reserve. The statutory surplus reserve is non-distributable. As of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company did not accumulate any statutory reserve due to the accumulated deficit.

## NOTE 17. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2011:

	Manufacturing	Refining	Mining	Corporate & Others	Consolidated Total
Revenue	\$ -	\$ 10,334,872	\$ -	\$ 34,388	\$ 10,369,260
Operating profit (loss)	(1,599,556)	(769,667)	(263,187)	(1,621,010)	(4,253,420)
Depreciation and amortization	716,125	221,633	31,684	-	969,442
Capital expenditures	51,532	136,629	67,588	-	255,749
Total Assets	13,611,266	11,451,316	3,105,427	1,051	28,169,060

For the year ended December 31, 2010:

	Manufacturing	Refining	Mining	Corporate & Others	Consolidated Total
Revenue	\$ -	\$ 9,550,324	\$ 44,058	\$ -	\$ 9,594,382
Operating profit (loss)	(739,803)	(567,627)	(236,159)	(4,840,541)	(6,384,130)
Depreciation and amortization	694,915	228,330	28,867	-	952,112
Capital expenditures	(141,131)	170,362	233,410	-	262,641
Total Assets	14,459,861	16,112,918	2,806,209	4,434,011	37,812,999

#### NOTE 18. CONCENTRATIONS

Our principal customers are manufacturers of thin-film solar cells, cell modules, and solar electronic products. We also serve additional customers involved in various segments of other electronic materials markets. We still expect our sales to continue to be concentrated among a small number of customers in 2012. However, we also expect that our significant customers may change from time to time.

At December 31, 2011, three customers accounted for 19%, 19% and 13 % of the total accounts receivable outstanding, respectively. Three customers Zhuzhou Jingchang Technology, Redlen Technology and First Solar accounted for 20%, 13% and 12% of total sales for the year then ended respectively.

At December 31, 2010, three customers accounted for 22%, 14.9% and 14.5% of the total accounts receivable outstanding, respectively. First Solar, Redlen Technology Inc, and Shaoshan Metals in China accounted for 58%, 9% and 12% of total sales for the year then ended respectively.

In 2011, 27% of our sales were made to customers in North America and 72.3% of our sales were made to customers in Asia. In 2010, 31.7 % of our sales were made to customers in Asia, 66.8 % of our sales were made to customers in North America and 1.5% of our sales were made to customers in the rest of the world.

#### NOTE 19. COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES

##### Employment Agreements

Effective June 4, 2010, we entered into an employment agreement with Wilson Liu, our Chief Financial Officer. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Liu will be entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$87,976 for first year, increasing to \$105,572 in second year and further increasing to \$123,167 in third year and has been granted options to acquire 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock which will vest in installments over the thirty-six month period of his employment, 200,000 shares for first year and 150,000 shares each in 2nd and 3rd year. The options have an exercise price of \$3.45 per share.

Effective November 8, 2010, Dr. Jingong Pan, the Company's former Vice President, was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. As Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Pan will receive an annual salary of RMB 660,000 in first year. Dr. Pan was also granted stock options to acquire up to 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which will vest in equal yearly installments over a three year period, provided Dr. Pan remains employed with the Company. The options have an exercise price of \$3.50 per share.

Effective November 8, 2010, we entered into an employment agreement with Hongwei Ke, our Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Ke will receive an annual salary of RMB 360,000 in first year. Mr. Ke was also granted stock options to acquire up to 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which will vest in equal yearly installments over a three year period, provided Mr. Ke remains employed with the Company. The options have an exercise price of \$3.50 per share.

#### NJIT contract

On March 16, 2010, the Company entered into a Joint Research Agreement, or the NJIT Agreement, with the New Jersey Institute of Technology, or NJIT, pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay NJIT sponsorship funds in an aggregate amount of \$1,500,000 over a three-year period. Under the terms of the Agreement, NJIT agreed to provide certain laboratory instruments, equipment and personnel to develop novel CdTe thin film PV technology and deliver to the Company bi-annual reports regarding such projects during the term of the relationship. NJIT granted to us an exclusive option and right of first refusal to receive a royalty-bearing license to any intellectual property rights that NJIT may have related to such projects, which license will be on commercially reasonable terms, as negotiated in good faith by the parties. NJIT also granted to us a right of first refusal to enter into negotiations with NJIT regarding the creation of a separate business entity for the purpose of commercializing any intellectual property resulting from such projects. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had paid US\$500,000 in sponsorship fund to NJIT. \$500,000 and \$375,000 were recorded as Research & Development cost for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

#### NOTE 20. VULNERABILITY DUE TO OPERATIONS IN PRC

The Company's operations may be adversely affected by significant political, economic and social uncertainties in the PRC. Although the PRC government has been pursuing economic reform policies for more than twenty years, no assurance can be given that the PRC government will continue to pursue such policies or that such policies may not be significantly altered, especially in the event of a change in leadership, social or political disruption or unforeseen circumstances affecting the PRC's political, economic and social conditions. There is also no guarantee that the PRC government's pursuit of economic reforms will be consistent or effective.

Substantially all of the Company's businesses are transacted in RMB, which is not freely convertible. The Peoples Bank of China or other banks are authorized to buy and sell foreign currencies at the exchange rates quoted by the Peoples Bank of China. Approval of foreign currency payments by the Peoples Bank of China or other institutions requires submitting a payment application form together with suppliers' invoices, shipping documents and signed contracts.

Since the Company has its primary operations in the PRC, the majority of its revenues will be settled in RMB, not USD. Due to certain restrictions on currency exchanges that exist in the PRC, the Company's ability to use revenue generated in RMB to pay any dividend payments to its shareholders outside of China may be limited.

The Company's business depends on maintaining licenses of its current products from the Chinese government. Failure to obtain the necessary licenses when needed can cause the Company's business plan to be delayed.

In September 2006, the PRC changed the laws regarding transfer of equity in PRC companies in exchange for equity in non-PRC companies. Approvals and registrations for such transfers are required and penalties may be imposed if the requirements are not met.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentration of credit risk are primarily cash and cash equivalents.

#### NOTE 21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has reviewed subsequent event through the date of these financial statements issued and has determined that there were no additional material subsequent events occurred through that date need to be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements.