

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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

China Natural Gas, Inc.

Delaware 001-34373 98-0231607  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

19th Floor, Building B, Van Metropolis  
35 Tang Yan Road, Hi-Tech Zone  
Xian, Shaanxi Province, China 710065  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (86) 29-8832-3325

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors, Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.**

On May 2, 2012, Mr. Bode Xu resigned from his position as Chief Financial Officer of China Natural Gas, Inc. (the “Company”) for personal reasons. The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Zhaoyang Qiao, who currently serves as Financial Manager of the Company, to serve as Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Qiao, 37, brings over a decade of experience in accounting. Mr. Qiao has been employed at the Company since December 2009 as Financial Manager, where he is responsible for the preparation of the Company’s financial statements under US GAAP and carrying out reforms for Sarbanes-Oxley requirements. Prior to joining the Company, from September 2006 through September 2009, he served as International Financial Supervisor for Fujitsu (Xian) System Engine Co., Ltd., which is a Fortune 500 company primarily engaged in communication equipment, IT equipment and software development. Prior to his employment at Fujitsu Mr. Qiao was an accountant at Xian Janssen Pharmaceutical Co. from July 1998 through September 2006. Mr. Qiao received his bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Shaanxi Finance and Economics College in 1998.

The Company and Mr. Qiao have executed an executive employment agreement (the “Employment Agreement”) effective as of May 2, 2012 (the “Effective Date”) setting forth certain terms of his employment and compensation. Mr. Qiao will serve as CFO for a term of one year ending on May 1, 2013. Mr. Qiao’s annual base salary will be RMB 200,000.

Mr. Qiao has no family relationships with any of the executive officers or directors of the Company. There have been no transactions in the past two years to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party, in which Mr. Qiao had, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and which is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(c) Exhibits*

10.1 Employment Agreement dated as of May 2, 2012 between the Company and Zhaoyang Qiao

**SIGNATURES**

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

CHINA NATURAL GAS, INC.

Date: May 8, 2012 By : /s/ Shuwen Kang  
Name: Shuwen Kang  
Title: Chief Executive Officer