#### China Natural Gas, Inc. Form 3 August 14, 2008 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: 2005 **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, response... 0.5 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement China Natural Gas, Inc. [CHNG] Leighton Lawrence W. (Month/Day/Year) 08/07/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) TANG XING SHU MA (Check all applicable) **BUILDING, SUITE** 418. TANG XING ROAD 10% Owner \_X\_ Director (Street) Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person XIAN. SHAANXI Form filed by More than One PROVINCE, F4Â 710065 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

1. Title of (Instr. 4)

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Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 5)

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 4)

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

Shares or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leighton Lawrence W. TANG XING SHU MA BUILDING, SUITE 418 TANG XING ROAD XIAN, SHAANXI PROVINCE, F4 710065	ÂX	Â	Â	Â
Signatures				
Xin Li, Attorney-in-fact for Lawrence W. Leighton	08/14/2008			
**Signature of Reporting Person	1			
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# **Explanation of Responses:**

#### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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### **Remarks:**

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