China Hydroelectric Corp Form 8-A12B January 21, 2010

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

FORM 8-A FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 CHINA HYDROELECTRIC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands

20-8979735

(State of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

25B, New Poly Plaza, No. 1 North Chaoyangmen Street Dongcheng District, Beijing People's Republic of China

100010

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

American Depositary Shares each representing three Ordinary Shares
Ordinary Shares, par value \$0.001 per share
Warrants each to purchase three Ordinary Shares

New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange * New York Stock Exchange

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A(c), please check the following box. b

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box. o

Securities Act registration statement file numbers to which this form relates: 333-163558.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

(Title of class)

^{*} Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares.

ITEM 1. Description of the Registrant s Securities to be Registered

The description of the securities to be registered will be contained in a prospectus, constituting part of the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-163558), as amended, relating to such securities, to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (such prospectus as filed pursuant to Rule 424(b), the Prospectus). The description of the securities contained in the Prospectus is hereby incorporated by reference into this Form 8-A. Copies of such description will be filed with the New York Stock Exchange.

ITEM 2. Exhibits

The securities being registered hereby are to be registered on an exchange on which no other securities of the Registrant are registered. The necessary exhibits will be supplied to the New York Stock Exchange and are not filed with or incorporated by reference to this Registration Statement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

CHINA HYDROELECTRIC CORPORATION

Date: January 21, 2010 By: /s/ John D. Kuhns

Name: John D. Kuhns

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer