



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

August 30, 2013

Dr. James Chen
Chief Financial Officer
Origin Agritech Limited
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Changping District
Beijing 102206
China

Re: Origin Agritech Limited
Form 20-F for the year ended September 30, 2012
Filed January 10, 2013
File No. 000-51576

Dear Mr. Chen:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Note 10. Equity Method Investments, page F-26

1. We note that your pro rata share of earnings in Liyu was RMB 4,030,000 in fiscal 2012. In your response, please discuss the consideration given to the disclosure requirements of Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X. If you do not believe that the third condition set forth in Rule 1-02 (w) of Regulation S-X has been met, please provide us with your computations in support of your conclusion.
2. As a related matter, please discuss the consideration given to the disclosure requirements of Rule 4-08 (g) of Regulation S-X with respect to summarized financial information. We may have further comments upon review of your response.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of

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1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact Amy Geddes at 202-551-3304 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact me at 202-551-3211 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ David R. Humphrey

David R. Humphrey
Accounting Branch Chief