

Rothstein Lazarus
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 Person * Rothstein Lazarus (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CHINA DIRECT INDUSTRIES, INC., 431 FAIRWAY DRIVE, STE 200 (Street) DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33441 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol China Direct, Inc. [CDII]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$.0001 par value per share	20,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	^

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	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 Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rothstein Lazarus C/O CHINA DIRECT INDUSTRIES, INC. 431 FAIRWAY DRIVE, STE 200 DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33441	^	^	^ Executive Vice President	^

Signatures

/s/ Lazarus
Rothstein

02/04/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2008 Non-Executive Stock Incentive Plan. 5,700 shares of Restricted Stock were granted on June 1, 2008 and 14,300 shares were granted on January 12, 2009. All shares will vest in equal quarters on June 1, 2009, September 1, 2009, January 1, 2010 and April 1, 2010 but only if the Reporting Person is still an employee of the Issuer at the time of vesting.

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