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Form SC 13G/A  
February 15, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13G  
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Amendment No. 1

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 AND 13d-2  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Origin Agritech, Ltd.  
(NAME OF ISSUER)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value  
(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

G6782106  
(CUSIP NUMBER)

December 31, 2005  
(Date of Event which requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of  
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which  
would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be  
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of  
that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the  
Act (however, see the Notes).

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(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSON  
Ardsley Advisory Partners  
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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*

- (a)   
(b)

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(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
New York

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 771,500

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0

PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
771,500

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
771,500

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.11%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
PN; IA

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(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSON  
Ardsley Partners I

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*  
(a) [x]  
(b) [ ]

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
New York

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER  
0

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SHARES -----  
BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 404,500  
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EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0  
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PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
404,500  
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(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
404,500  
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(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]  
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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
2.68%  
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(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
PN

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(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSON  
Philip J. Hempleman  
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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*  
(a) [x]  
(b) [ ]  
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(3) SEC USE ONLY  
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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States  
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NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0  
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BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 771,500  
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EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0  
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PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
771,500

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
771,500

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.11%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
IN

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(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSON  
Ardsley Offshore Fund Ltd.

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*  
(a) [x]  
(b) [ ]

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
British Virgin Islands

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 353,000

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0

PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
353,000

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
353,000

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
2.34%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
CO

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(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSON  
Ardsley Partners Fund II, L.P.

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*

(a)

(b)

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 257,000

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0

PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
257,000

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
257,000

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\*

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
1.70%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
PN

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(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSON  
Ardsley Partners Institutional Fund, L.P.

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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*

(a)  [x]  
(b)  [ ]

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(3) SEC USE ONLY

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

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NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 147,500

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0

PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
147,500

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(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
147,500

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(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
0.98%

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(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
PN

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The Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2006 is hereby amended by this Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13G.

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ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

The name of the issuer is Origin Agritech, Ltd. (the "Company").

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

625 Broadway, Suite 1111 San Diego, CA 92101

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Ardsley Partners Fund II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("AP II"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock (defined in Item 2(d) below) directly owned by it;
- (ii) Ardsley Partners Institutional Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Ardsley Institutional"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (iii) Ardsley Offshore Fund Ltd., a British Virgin Islands Corporation ("Ardsley Offshore"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (iv) Ardsley Advisory Partners, a New York general partnership ("Ardsley") which serves as Investment Manager of Ardsley Offshore, and as Investment Adviser of AP II, Ardsley Institutional and certain managed accounts, with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by Ardsley Offshore, AP II, Ardsley Institutional and the managed accounts;
- (v) Ardsley Partners I, a New York general partnership ("Ardsley Partners") which serves as General Partner of Ardsley, AP II and Ardsley Institutional; and
- (vi) Philip J. Hempleman ("Mr. Hempleman"), the managing partner of Ardsley and of Ardsley Partners and may, by virtue of his position as managing partner, be deemed to have power to direct the voting and disposition of the Common Stock held or controlled by Ardsley, Ardsley Partners, AP II, Ardsley Institutional, Ardsley Offshore and the managed accounts. Mr. Hempleman disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Stock reported herein, other than the portion of such shares which relates to his individual economic interest in AP II.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons". Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons, with the exception of Ardsley Offshore is 262 Harbor Drive, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

The address of the business office of Ardsley Offshore is Romasco Place, Wickhams Cay 1, Roadtown Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

Ardsley and Ardsley Partners are New York general partnerships. AP II and Ardsley Institutional are Delaware limited partnerships. Ardsley Offshore is a British Virgin Islands Corporation. Mr. Hempleman is a United States Citizen.

ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES: Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock")

ITEM 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER: G6782106

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ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act
- (c)  Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act
- (d)  Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act
- (e)  Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
- (f)  Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g)  Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G); see item 7
- (h)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H)

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check the box. [X]

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ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

A. Ardsley Advisory Partners

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 771,500
- (b) Percent of class: 5.11% The percentages used herein and in the rest of Item 4 are calculated based upon the 15,100,000 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 9, 2005 as reflected on Bloomberg.
- (c) (i) Sole Power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 771,500
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 771,500

B. Ardsley Partners I

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 404,500
- (b) Percent of class: 2.68%
- (c) (i) Sole Power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 404,500
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 404,500

C. Philip J. Hempleman

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 771,500
- (b) Percent of class: 5.11%

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- (c) (i) Sole Power to vote or direct the vote: 771,500
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 771,500
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

D. Ardsley Offshore Fund Ltd.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 353,000
- (b) Percent of class: 2.34%
- (c) (i) Sole Power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 353,000
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 353,000

E. Ardsley Partners Fund II, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 257,000
- (b) Percent of class: 1.70%.
- (c) (i) Sole Power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 257,000
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 257,000

F. Ardsley Partners Institutional Fund, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 147,500
- (b) Percent of class: 0.98%
- (c) (i) Sole Power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 147,500
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 147,500

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ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the Reporting Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Common Stock, check the following [X].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.  
Not applicable.

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ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION. (if filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b))

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By signing below I certify, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business, were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: as of February 14, 2006

ARDSLEY PARTNERS FUND II, L.P.

BY: ARDSLEY PARTNERS I,  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

ARDSLEY PARTNERS INSTITUTIONAL FUND, L.P.

BY: ARDSLEY PARTNERS I,  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

ARDSLEY OFFSHORE FUND LTD.

BY: /s/ Neil Glass

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Neil Glass  
Vice-President and Administrative Manager

ARDSLEY ADVISORY PARTNERS

By: ARDSLEY PARTNERS I  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

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ARDSLEY PARTNERS I  
BY: PHILIP J. HEMPLEMAN  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

PHILIP J. HEMPLEMAN, INDIVIDUALLY

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
As attorney in fact for  
Philip J. Hempleman

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EXHIBIT 1  
JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k) (1)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G/A is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G/A shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained herein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

Dated as of February 14, 2006

ARDSLEY PARTNERS FUND II, L.P.  
BY: ARDSLEY PARTNERS I,  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli

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General Partner

ARDSLEY PARTNERS INSTITUTIONAL FUND, L.P.

BY: ARDSLEY PARTNERS I,  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

ARDSLEY OFFSHORE FUND LTD.

BY: /s/ Neil Glass

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Neil Glass  
Vice-President and Administrative Manager

ARDSLEY ADVISORY PARTNERS

By: ARDSLEY PARTNERS I  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

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ARDSLEY PARTNERS I

BY: PHILIP J. HEMPLEMAN  
GENERAL PARTNER

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
General Partner

PHILIP J. HEMPLEMAN, INDIVIDUALLY

BY: /s/ Steve Napoli\*

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Steve Napoli  
As attorney in fact for  
Philip J. Hempleman

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\* Evidence of Power of Attorney was filed with the Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2006 and incorporated by reference into this filing.

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