

AGM 12th December, 2024 Chairman's Statement and Q&A

David Buchler: I would like to talk about where we are at the moment and where our company is likely, or perhaps hopefully is a better description, going to get to in 2025. Conversion to private limited company status is an important step for the company.

Before moving to questions, I think it would be right and proper to deal with a number of different points regarding the company and its investment in China. We are involved in a shareholder agreement with Kaidi and we reported last year that Kaidi was going through a restructure. I have to report that restructure has not concluded and we therefore don't have the final position relating to our Zhongying investment.

Because of that unresolved position, we have decided to keep the Company going for as long as we can as being in the shareholders' best interests. We don't have any more information at the moment. The situation will, we are told, become clearer during 2025. That restructuring outcome might or might not enable us to effect some realization of our investment for the shareholders' benefit, which of course we hope will be achieved. So we are waiting and we will continue to do so.

Clearly, the reorganisation of Kaidi in China is happening much slower than we had anticipated and had been told it would. That is incredibly frustrating for us. We would like to see a resolution. The situation is also difficult because there's been no direct communication with Kaidi executives in China. We continue to try to speak or meet with them of course. We keep communication channels open with our Chinese counterparts and our contacts there. We stand ready to travel to China to try and get this matter resolved but we can't justify the costs of travelling opportunistically. We have to wait until a meeting is arranged by Kaidi.

So, we must wait and see where we get to and hope that during the coming year we will be in a better position to know where we stand. Despite these frustrations your Board and officers continue to keep the company going, vigorously control our costs and in fact we have drawn no remuneration for a number of years now. Indeed cost control is the principal driver in converting to limited company status and this will save the company thousands of pounds this year in compliance and audit costs.

I will now open the meeting up to Questions.

We have received three written questions from Brian Lewis. Is there a proposed offer to buy the shareholders' shares? We have received no offer from any party to buy shares. The second question is is there a proposal to buy back shares? There is no proposal for the company to buy back shares and it has no funds or capacity to do that anyway.

And the third question is what benefit do I get keeping my shares? I think we've really answered that question already. By converting to a limited company that enables the company to continue and at least keeps open the opportunity of some future realisable value should that indeed materialise.

Those were the written questions. Are there any questions from the floor.

Toby Parker: Do we have Zhongying's latest accounts?

Paul Bobroff: The answer is no despite our many requests for them. The last set of accounts we received was a long time ago, before COVID.

Toby Parker: Could you explain how the valuation of our investment in Zhongying has increased in the latest accounts?

Paul Bobroff: The valuation is a derived valuation from the cost as stated in the accounts. That is reviewed each year in line with a mathematical formula under accounting principles which our accountants and auditors produce for us.

Toby Parker: Have we actually visited any of Kaidi's operations in China?

Paul Bobroff: Yes we have. We were taken by Kaidi to visit their factory in Zhongying that produces green fuel and we toured a real factory and saw the end product being produced.

David Buchler: If there are no more questions, and as there is no other business I declare this meeting closed. Thank you all for your attendance.

David Buchler
Chairman