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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form F-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## YINGLI GREEN ENERGY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

#### **Cayman Islands**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**3674** (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) Not Applicable (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

No. 3055 Middle Fuxing Road Baoding 071051 People s Republic of China (86 312) 8929-500

(Address and telephone number of Registrant s principal executive office)

Law Debenture Corporate Services Inc. 400 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor New York, New York 10017 (212) 750-6474 (Name, address, and telephone number for agent of service) Copies to:

Leiming Chen Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP ICBC Tower, 35th Floor 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong (852) 2514-7600

**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement, as determined by market conditions and other factors.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box o.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box. b

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462 under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.C. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. b

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.C. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

# CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed	Proposed	
		Maximum	Maximum	
	Amount	Aggregate	Aggregate	
	To Be	Price Per	Offering	Amount of
Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Registered(3)	Unit(3)	Price(3)	

Registration Fee(3)

Ordinary shares, par value US\$0.01 per share(1)(2) Preferred shares Depositary shares Debt securities Warrants

- (1) Includes (i) ordinary shares initially offered and sold outside the United States that may be resold from time to time in the United States either as part of their distribution or within 40 days after the later of the effective date of this registration statement and the date the shares are first bona fide offered to the public and (ii) ordinary shares that may be purchased by the underwriters pursuant to an over-allotment option. These ordinary shares are not being registered for the purposes of sales outside of the United States.
- (2) American depositary shares issuable upon deposit of the ordinary shares registered hereby have been registered under a separate registration statement on Form F-6 (Registration No. 333-142852). Each ADS represents one ordinary share.
- (3) An indeterminate aggregate number of securities is being registered as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

PROSPECTUS

## Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited

# ORDINARY SHARES PREFERRED SHARES DEPOSITARY SHARES DEBT SECURITIES WARRANTS

We may offer and sell in any combination from time to time in one or more offerings of ordinary shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, debt securities or warrants. The debt securities and warrants may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our ordinary shares, preferred shares, depository shares or our other securities. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer.

Each time we sell securities we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the terms of the securities. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and any supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

We may sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods, on a continuous or delayed basis. The names of any underwriters will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See the Risk Factors section contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus to read about factors you should consider before investing in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or completeness of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

We may offer the securities independently or together in any combination for sale directly to purchasers or through underwriters, dealers or agents to be designated at a future date. See Underwriting. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names, and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangements between or among them, will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information About Us and Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, using a shelf registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell any combination of our ordinary shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, debt securities and warrants from time to time and in one or more offerings. This prospectus only provides you with a summary description of our ordinary shares. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered (if other than ordinary shares and ADSs) and the specific terms of that offering. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

No representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the securities.

In this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires,

We, us our and our company refer to Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited, a company incorpora in the Cayman Islands, all direct and indirect consolidated subsidiaries of Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited, and our predecessor, Tianwei Yingli, and its consolidated subsidiary, unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise indicates;

ADRs are to the American depositary receipts, which, if issued, evidence our ADSs;

ADSs are to our American depositary shares, each of which represents one ordinary share;

China and the PRC are to the People s Republic of China, excluding, for the purposes of this prospectus only, Taiwan and the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau;

RMB and Renminbi are to the legal currency of China;

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shares and ordinary shares are to our ordinary shares, par value US\$0.01 per share; and

\$, US\$ and U.S. dollars are to the legal currency of the United States.

This prospectus contains translations of certain Renminbi amounts into U.S. dollar amounts at specified rates. All translations from Renminbi amounts to U.S. dollar amounts were made at the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers in Renminbi per U.S. dollar as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Unless otherwise stated, the translation of Renminbi amounts into U.S. dollar amounts has been made at the noon buying rate in effect on June 30, 2008, which was RMB 6.8591 to US\$1.00. We make no representation that the Renminbi or U.S. dollar amounts referred to in this prospectus could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or Renminbi, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all. On November 26, 2008, the noon buying rate was RMB6.8282 to US\$1.00.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US

We are subject to periodic reporting and other informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, as applicable to foreign private issuers. Accordingly, we are required to file reports, including annual reports on Form 20-F, and other information with the SEC. All information filed with the SEC is available through the SEC s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system, which may be accessed through the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Information filed with the SEC may also be inspected and copied at the public reference room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents from the SEC upon payment of a duplicating fee. Please visit the SEC s website or call the SEC at 1-800-732-0330 for further information on the SEC s public reference room.

Our website address is http://www.yinglisolar.com. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as indicated below. Forms of the indenture and other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC s public reference room as well as through the SEC s website.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt under the Exchange Act from, among other things, the rules prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our executive officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act. However, we intend to furnish the depositary with our annual reports, which will include a review of operations and annual audited consolidated financial statements prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP, and all notices of shareholders meeting and other reports and communications that are made generally available to our shareholders. The depositary will make such notices, reports and communications available to holders of the offered securities and, upon our request, will mail to all record holders of the offered securities the information contained in any notice of a shareholders meeting received by the depositary from us.



## **INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Each document incorporated by reference is current only as of the date of such document, and the incorporation by reference of such documents shall not create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date thereof or that the information contained therein is current as of any time subsequent to its date. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. When we update the information contained in documents that have been incorporated by reference by making future filings with the SEC, the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is considered to be automatically updated and superseded. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information contained in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later.

We incorporate by reference the following documents:

our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the SEC on April 28, 2008; and

all our future annual reports on Form 20-F and any report on Form 6-K that we indicate is being incorporated by reference, in each case, that we file with the SEC on or after the date on which the registration statement is first filed with the SEC and until all of the securities offered by this prospectus are sold.

Copies of all documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits to those documents unless such exhibits are specially incorporated by reference in this prospectus, will be provided at no cost to each person, including any beneficial owner, who receives a copy of this prospectus on the written or oral request of that person made to:

No. 3055 Middle Fuxing Road Baoding 071051 People s Republic of China Telephone number: (86 312) 8929-500 Attention: Chief Financial Officer

You should rely only on the information that we incorporate by reference or provide in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making any offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents.

## SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement and documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements relate to our current expectations and views of future events. These statements relate to events that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those listed under Risk Factors , all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control, which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by words or phrases such as may, will, expect, anticipate, aim, estimate, intend, target, plan, believe, potential, continue, is/are likely to or other We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements relating to:

our expectations regarding the worldwide demand for electricity and the market for solar energy;

our beliefs regarding the effects of environmental regulation, lack of infrastructure reliability and long-term fossil fuel supply constraints;

our beliefs regarding the inability of traditional fossil fuel-based generation technologies to meet the demand for electricity;

our beliefs regarding the importance of environmentally friendly power generation;

our expectations regarding governmental support for the deployment of solar energy;

our beliefs regarding the acceleration of adoption of solar technologies;

our expectations regarding advancements in our technologies and cost savings from such advancements;

our beliefs regarding the competitiveness of our photovoltaic, or PV, products;

our beliefs regarding the advantages of our business model;

our expectations regarding the scaling of our manufacturing capacity;

our expectations regarding entering into or maintaining joint venture enterprises, proposed acquisitions and other strategic investments;

our expectations regarding revenue growth and our ability to achieve profitability resulting from increases in our production volumes;

our expectations regarding our ability to secure raw materials in the future;

our expectations regarding the price trends of PV modules and polysilicon;

our beliefs regarding our ability to successfully implement our strategies;

our beliefs regarding our abilities to secure sufficient funds to meet our cash needs for our operations, capacity expansion and proposed acquisitions;

our future business development, results of operations and financial condition; and

competition from other manufacturers of PV products, other renewable energy systems and conventional energy suppliers.

This prospectus also contains data related to the PV market worldwide and in China. These market data, including market data from Solarbuzz, a third-party solar energy research and consulting firm, include projections that are based on a number of assumptions. The PV market may not grow at the rates projected by the market data, or at all. The failure of the PV market to grow at the projected rates may have a material adverse effect on our business

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and the value of our ADSs or other securities offered hereby. In addition, the rapidly changing nature of the PV market subjects any projections or estimates relating to the growth prospects or future condition of our market to significant uncertainties. If any one or more of the assumptions underlying the market data turns out to be incorrect, actual results may differ from the projections based on these assumptions. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this prospectus relate only to events or information as of the date on which the statements are made in this prospectus. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date on which the statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should read this prospectus completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

## **OUR COMPANY**

We are one of the leading vertically integrated photovoltaic, or PV, product manufacturers in the world. We design, manufacture and sell PV modules, and design, assemble, sell and install PV systems that are connected to an electricity transmission grid or those that operate on a stand-alone basis. With an overall annual manufacturing capacity of 400 megawatts for each of polysilicon ingots and wafers, PV cells and PV modules as of the date of this prospectus, we believe we are currently one of the largest manufacturers of PV products in the world as measured by annual manufacturing capacity.

We believe we are one of the few large-scale PV companies in the world to have adopted a vertically integrated business model. Except for the production of polysilicon materials that are used to manufacture polysilicon ingots and wafers, our products and services substantially cover the entire PV industry value chain, ranging from the manufacture of multicrystalline polysilicon ingots and wafers, PV cells and PV modules to the manufacture of PV systems and the installation of PV systems. In November 2008, we entered into a binding letter of intent to acquire Cyber Power Group Limited, or Cyber Power, a development stage enterprise that plans to produce solar-grade polysilicon. Our end-products include PV modules and PV systems in different sizes and power outputs. We sell PV modules under our own brand name, Yingli, to PV system integrators and distributors located in various markets around the world, including Germany, Spain, Italy, France, the United States, South Korea, Belgium and China.

Historically, we have sold and installed PV systems in the western regions of China where substantial government-subsidized, rural electrification projects are underway. We also sell PV systems to mobile communications service providers in China for use across China and plan to export our PV systems into major international markets such as Germany, Spain, Italy and the United States. In addition, in order to promote the export of our PV systems, we have participated in the design and installation of large PV system projects undertaken by our customers overseas.

# **RISK FACTORS**

Please see the factors set forth under the heading Item 3. Key Information D. Risk Factors in our most recently filed annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated in this prospectus by reference, and, if applicable, the factors set forth under the heading Risk Factors in any accompanying prospectus supplement before investing in any securities that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus.

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# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

# **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges on a historical basis for the periods indicated. For purposes of determining the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of the total of the following: (i) pre-tax income from continuing operations, (ii) fixed charges, and (iii) amortization of capitalized interest minus interest capitalized. Fixed charges are defined as the sum of the following: (i) interest expensed and capitalized, and (ii) amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts.

	Predecesso		or For the Period from January 1,	Yingli Green Ene For the Period from For the August 7, Year 2006		ergy For the	
	For the Year Ended December 31,		2006 through September 4,	through December 31,1	Ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	2007	June 30, 2008
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.2	2.2	7.9	9.8	4.7	7.7	8.4
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## SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following tables present the selected consolidated financial data of us and our predecessor, Tianwei Yingli. You should read this information together with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and information under Operating and Financial Review and Prospects included in our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for six months ended June 30, 2008 included elsewhere in this prospectus. The historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in the future.

Yingli Green Energy was incorporated on August 7, 2006. For the period from August 7, 2006 (date of inception) through September 4, 2006, Yingli Green Energy did not engage in any business or operations. On September 5, 2006, Yingli Group Co., Ltd., or Yingli Group, an entity controlled by Mr. Liansheng Miao, our chairperson and chief executive officer, who also controls our controlling shareholder, Yingli Power, transferred its 51% equity interest in Tianwei Yingli to Yingli Green Energy. As Yingli Group and we were entities under common control at the time of the transfer, the 51% equity interest in Tianwei Yingli were recorded by us at the historical cost to Yingli Group, which approximated the historical carrying values of the assets and liabilities of Tianwei Yingli. For financial statements reporting purposes, Tianwei Yingli is deemed to be our predecessor for periods prior to September 5, 2006.

The selected consolidated statement of income data and other consolidated financial data for the year ended December 31, 2005 and for the period from January 1, 2006 through September 4, 2006 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of our predecessor, Tianwei Yingli, included in our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The selected consolidated statement of income data (other than U.S. dollar translation and per ADS data) and other consolidated financial data for the period from August 7, 2006 (date of inception) through December 31, 2006 and for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data (other than U.S. dollar translation data) as of December 31, 2006 and 2007 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The selected consolidated statement of income data (other than per ADS data) and other consolidated financial data for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2008 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2008 have been derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have prepared the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements. The unaudited financial information includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and operating results for the periods presented. The unaudited results for the six months ended June 30, 2008 may not be indicative of our results for the full year ending December 31, 2008. The consolidated financial statements of each of Yingli Green Energy and Tianwei Yingli have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The selected consolidated statement of income data and other consolidated financial data for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been derived from Tianwei Yingli s audited consolidated financial statements not included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Predecessor						Yingli Green Energy			
				For the	For the Period from					
				Period from January 1, 2006	August 7, 2006					
				through	through	For the Yea	ar Ended	For the	e Six Months Er	
				September 4,		Decemb			June 30,	
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	200		2007	2008	
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$	RMB	RMB	
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