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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13E-3

RULE 13e-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

LJ International Inc.

(Name of the Issuer)

LJ International Inc.

Flora Bloom Holdings

Flora Fragrance Holdings Limited

Mr. Yu Chuan Yih

Mr. Hon Tak Ringo Ng

Ms. Ka Man Au

Urban Prosperity Holding Limited

FountainVest China Growth Fund, L.P.

FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P.

FountainVest China Growth Capital-A Fund, L.P.

Mr. Zhicheng Shi

Primeon, Inc.

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Mr. Hoi Tsun Peter Au

Hillside Financial

Mr. Yuin Chiek Lye

Shilin Investments

Ms. Hoi Yee Vicky Chan

(Names of Persons Filing Statement)

Ordinary Shares, par value US\$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

G55312105

(CUSIP Number)

LJ International Inc.	Flora Bloom Holdings	Mr. Yu Chuan Yih
Unit #12, 12/F, Block A	Flora Fragrance Holdings Limited	Mr. Hon Tak Ringo Ng
Focal Industrial Centre	Urban Prosperity Holding Limited	Ms. Ka Man Au
21 Man Lok Street	FountainVest China Growth Fund, L.P.	Mr. Hoi Tsun Peter Au
Hung Hom, Kowloon	FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P.	Mr. Yuin Chiek Lye
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- a The filing of solicitation materials or an information statement subject to Regulation 14A, Regulation 14-C or Rule 13e-3(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- b The filing of a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.
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Transactional Valuation*	Amount of Filing Fee**
\$52,820,408.00	\$7204.70

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This Rule 13E-3 transaction statement on Schedule 13E-3, together with the exhibits hereto (this Transaction Statement), is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) pursuant to Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), jointly by the following persons (each, a Filing Person, and collectively, the Filing Persons): (a) LJ International Inc., a British Virgin Islands company (the Company), the issuer of the ordinary shares, par value US\$0.01 per share (each, a Share and collectively, the Shares), that are subject to the transaction pursuant to Rule 13e-3 under the Exchange Act; (b) Flora Bloom Holdings Limited, a Cayman Islands company (Parent); (c) Flora Fragrance Holdings Limited, a British Virgin Islands company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (Merger Sub); (d) Mr. Yu Chuan Yih, chairman and chief executive officer of the Company (Mr. Yih); (e) Mr. Hon Tak Ringo Ng, chief financial officer of the Company; (f) Ms. Ka Man Au, chief operating officer and secretary of the Company; (g) Mr. Hoi Tsun Peter Au, senior vice-president of the Company; (h) Mr. Yuin Chiek Lye, chief operating officer China of the Company; (i) Ms. Hoi Yee Vicky Chan, director of sales and marketing of the Company; (j) Urban Prosperity Holding Limited, a Cayman Islands company (the Sponsor); (k) FountainVest China Growth Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership; (l) FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership; (m) FountainVest China Growth Capital-A Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (together with FountainVest China Growth Fund, L.P. and FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P., the FountainVest Filing Persons); (n) Mr. Zhicheng Shi, a citizen of the People's Republic of China (Mr. Shi); (o) Primeon, Inc., a Delaware corporation and an affiliate of Mr. Shi, (p) Hillside Financial, a Massachusetts corporation and an affiliate of Mr. Shi and (q) Shilin Investments, a Maine partnership and an affiliate of Mr. Shi (collectively with Mr. Shi, Primeon, Inc. and Shilin Investments, the Mr. Shi Shareholders). Mr. Hon Tak Ringo Ng, Ms. Ka Man Au, Mr. Hoi Tsun Peter Au, Mr. Yuin Chiek Lye and Ms. Hoi Yee Vicky Chan are collectively referred to herein as the Rollover Shareholders. Mr. Yih, the Rollover Shareholders, the Sponsor and the Mr. Shi Shareholders are collectively referred to herein as the Consortium. Mr. Yih, the Rollover Shareholders, together with Parent, Merger Sub, the Sponsor, the FountainVest Filing Persons and the Mr. Shi Shareholders are collectively referred to in this Schedule 13E-3 as the Buyer Group.

On March 22, 2013, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company entered into an agreement and plan of merger (the merger agreement), which includes a plan of merger as required under section 170 of the British Virgin Islands Business Companies Act 2004, as amended (the BVI Business Companies Act) in the form attached as Annex A to the merger agreement (the plan of merger), providing for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the merger), with the Company continuing as the surviving company after the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. The Sponsor is currently the sole beneficial owner of Parent and Merger Sub. Upon closing of the merger, Parent will be beneficially owned by the Consortium.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, at the effective time of the merger (effective time), each outstanding Share, other than (a) Shares beneficially owned by (i) Parent or Merger Sub, (ii) any member of the Consortium ((i) and (ii) collectively, the Consortium Shares), or (iii) the Company or any direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, (b) subject to consent by Parent and Mr. Yih, up to 2% of the Company's total outstanding shares contributed to a newly formed entity controlled by Mr. Shi (the Subsequent Rollover Shareholder) prior to closing of the merger, and (c) any Shares owned by shareholders who have validly exercised and have not effectively withdrawn or lost their dissenters' rights under the BVI Business Companies Act (the Dissenting Shares, together with the Shares described under (a) and (b), the Excluded Shares), will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive \$2.00 per Share in cash without interest. Each of Mr. Yih, the Rollover Shareholders and the Mr. Shi Shareholders entered into a rollover agreement, dated March 22, 2013, with Parent, pursuant to which the Excluded Shares held by Mr. Yih, the Rollover Shareholders and the Mr. Shi Shareholders will be automatically cancelled for no consideration and Mr. Yih, the Rollover Shareholders and the Mr. Shi shareholders will subscribe for ordinary shares of Parent at the effective time of the merger. The Dissenting Shares will be cancelled for their appraised or other agreed value.

If the merger is completed, each option to purchase Shares (a Company Option) pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Compensation Plan, 2003 Stock Compensation Plan, 2005 Stock Compensation Plan and

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2008 Stock Compensation Plan and all amendments and modifications thereto (collectively, the Company Option Plans) other than those held by the Rollover Shareholders that is then outstanding and unexercised, vested or unvested, will, subject to the consent of the individual holders, be cancelled and converted into the right to receive, net of any applicable withholding taxes and as soon as reasonably practicable after the effective time of the merger, cash in an amount equal to (A) the total number of Shares issuable upon exercise of such Company Option immediately prior to the effective time of the merger multiplied by (B) the excess, if any, of (x) \$2.00 over (y) the exercise price payable per Share issuable under such Company Option.

Completion of the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, including obtaining the requisite approval of the shareholders of the Company. The merger agreement and the plan of merger must be approved and authorized by an affirmative vote of shareholders representing at least a majority of the Shares present and voting in person or by proxy as a single class at the extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Company.

The Company will make available to its shareholders a proxy statement (the Proxy Statement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit (a)-(1) to this Transaction Statement), relating to the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company, at which the shareholders of the Company will consider and vote upon, among other proposals, a proposal to approve and authorize the merger agreement, the plan of merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the merger. As of the date hereof, the Proxy Statement is in preliminary form and is subject to completion.

The cross-references below are being supplied pursuant to General Instruction G to Schedule 13E-3 and show the location in the Proxy Statement of the information required to be included in response to the items of Schedule 13E-3. Pursuant to General Instruction F to Schedule 13E-3, the information contained in the Proxy Statement, including all annexes thereto, is incorporated in its entirety herein by this reference, and the responses to each item in this Schedule 13E-3 are qualified in their entirety by the information contained in the Proxy Statement and the annexes thereto.

All information contained in this Transaction Statement concerning each Filing Person has been supplied by such Filing Person. No Filing Person, including the Company, is responsible for the accuracy of any information supplied by any other Filing Person.

The filing of this Transaction Statement shall not be construed as an admission by any Filing Person, or by any affiliate of a Filing Person, that the Company is controlled by any other Filing Person, or that any other Filing Person is an affiliate of the Company within the meaning of Rule 13e-3 under Section 13(e) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1 Summary Term Sheet

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet

Questions and Answers about the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Merger

Item 2 Subject Company Information

(a) *Name and Address*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet The Parties Involved in the Merger

(b) *Securities*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

The Extraordinary General Meeting Share Record Date; Shares Entitled to Vote

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Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management of the Company

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(c) *Trading Market and Price*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Market Price of the Company's Shares, Dividends and Other Matters

(d) *Dividends*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Market Price of the Company's Shares, Dividends and Other Matters

(e) *Prior Public Offering*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Transactions in the Shares - Prior Public Offerings

(f) *Prior Stock Purchases*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Transactions in the Shares - Purchase by the Company; Purchase by Buyer Group Members

Item 3 Identity and Background of Filing Person

(a) *Name and Address*. LJ International Inc. is the subject company. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet - The Parties Involved in the Merger

Annex D - Directors and Executive Officers of Each Filing Person

(b) *Business and Background of Entities*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet - The Parties Involved in the Merger

Annex D - Directors and Executive Officers of Each Filing Person

(c) *Business and Background of Natural Persons*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet - The Parties Involved in the Merger

Annex D - Directors and Executive Officers of Each Filing Person

Item 4 Terms of the Transaction

(a)-(1) *Material Terms - Tender Offers*. Not applicable.

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(a)-(2) *Material Terms Mergers or Similar Transactions*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

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Material PRC Income Tax Consequences

Material British Virgin Islands Tax Consequences

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(c) *Different Terms*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Share Ownership of the Company Directors and Officers and Voting Commitments

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Special Factors Financing Rollover Transactions

The Extraordinary General Meeting Proposals to be Considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting

The Extraordinary General Meeting Shareholder Vote Required to Approve the Merger Agreement

The Agreement and Plan of Merger

Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

(d) *Dissenters Rights*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Dissenters Rights

Questions and Answers about the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Merger

Dissenters Rights

Annex C British Virgin Islands Business Companies Act, 2004, as amended Section 179

(e) *Provisions for Unaffiliated Security Holders*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Provisions for Unaffiliated Security Holders

(f) *Eligibility of Listing or Trading*. Not applicable.

Item 5 Past Contracts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements

(a) *Transactions*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

Special Factors Related Party Transactions

Transactions in the Shares

(b) *Significant Corporate Events*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

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Special Factors Purposes and Reasons of the Buyer Group for the Merger

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The Agreement and Plan of Merger

Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

(c) *Negotiations or Contacts*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

The Agreement and Plan of Merger

Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

(e) *Agreements Involving the Subject Company's Securities*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Financing

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Plans for the Company after the Merger

Special Factors Financing

Special Factors Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

Special Factors Voting by the Buyer Group at the Extraordinary General Meeting

The Agreement and Plan of Merger

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Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

Item 6 Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals

(b) *Use of Securities Acquired.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet

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Special Factors Purposes and Reasons of the Buyer Group for the Merger

Special Factors Effect of the Proposed Merger on the Company

The Agreement and Plan of Merger

Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

(c)(1)-(8) *Plans.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet The Merger

Summary Term Sheet Purposes and Effect of the Merger

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Summary Term Sheet Plans for the Company after the Merger

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Special Factors Plans for the Company after the Merger

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The Agreement and Plan of Merger

Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

Item 7 Purposes, Alternatives, Reasons and Effects

(a) *Purposes*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Purposes and Effect of the Merger

Summary Term Sheet Plans for the Company after the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

Special Factors Purposes and Reasons of the Buyer Group for the Merger

(b) *Alternatives*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

Special Factors Position of the Buyer Group as to the Fairness of the Merger

Special Factors Purposes and Reasons of the Buyer Group for the Merger

Special Factors Alternatives to the Merger

Special Factors Effects on the Company if the Merger is not Completed

(c) *Reasons*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Purposes and Effects of the Merger

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

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Special Factors Position of the Buyer Group as to the Fairness of the Merger

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(d) *Effects*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Purposes and Effect of the Merger

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

Special Factors Purposes and Reasons of the Buyer Group for the Merger

Special Factors Effect of the Proposed Merger on the Company

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Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

Material PRC Income Tax Consequences

Material British Virgin Islands Tax Consequences

Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

Item 8 Fairness of the Transaction

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(a)-(b) *Fairness; Factors Considered in Determining Fairness*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Recommendations of the Special Committee and the Board of Directors

Summary Term Sheet Position of the Buyer Group as to the Fairness of the Merger

Summary Term Sheet Share Ownership of the Company Directors and Officers and Voting Commitments

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

Special Factors Position of the Buyer Group as to the Fairness of the Merger

Special Factors Opinion of the Special Committee's Financial Advisor

Special Factors Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

Annex B Opinion of Houlihan Lokey (China) Limited, as Financial Advisor

(c) *Approval of Security Holders*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Shareholder Vote Required to Approve the Merger Agreement

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The Extraordinary General Meeting Shareholder Vote Required to Approve the Merger Agreement

(d) *Unaffiliated Representative*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

(e) *Approval of Directors*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Recommendations of the Special Committee and the Board of Directors

Questions and Answers about the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Merger

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

(f) *Other Offers*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

Special Factors Alternatives to the Merger

Item 9 Reports, Opinions, Appraisals and Negotiations

(a) *Report, Opinion or Appraisal*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Background of the Merger

Special Factors Opinion of the Special Committee s Financial Advisor

Annex B Opinion of Houlihan Lokey (China) Limited. as Financial Advisor

(b) *Preparer and Summary of the Report, Opinion or Appraisal*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Opinion of the Special Committee s Financial Advisor

Annex B Opinion of Houlihan Lokey (China) Limited. as Financial Advisor

(c) *Availability of Documents*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Where You Can Find More Information

The reports, opinions or appraisals referenced in this Item 9 will be made available for inspection and copying at the principal executive offices of the Company during its regular business hours by any interested holder of the Shares or his, her or its representative who has been so designated in writing.

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Item 10 Source and Amounts of Funds or Other Consideration

(a) *Source of Funds*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

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Annex A Agreement and Plan of Merger

(b) *Conditions*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Financing

Special Factors Financing

(c) *Expenses*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Special Factors Fees and Expenses

(d) *Borrowed Funds*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Financing

Special Factors Financing

Item 11 Interest in Securities of the Subject Company

(a) *Securities Ownership*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Share Ownership of the Company Directors and Officers and Voting Commitments

Special Factors Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management of the Company

(b) *Securities Transaction*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

Transactions in the Shares

Item 12 The Solicitation or Recommendation

(d) *Intent to Tender or Vote in a Going-Private Transaction.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Share Ownership of the Company Directors and Officers and Voting Commitments

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Special Factors Voting by the Buyer Group at the Extraordinary General Meeting

The Extraordinary General Meeting Shareholder Vote Required to Approve the Merger Agreement

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(e) *Recommendations of Others*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet Recommendations of the Special Committee and the Board of Directors

Summary Term Sheet Position of the Buyer Group as to the Fairness of the Merger

Summary Term Sheet Share Ownership of the Company Directors and Officers and Voting Commitments

Special Factors Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of the Special Committee and Our Board of Directors

Special Factors Position of the Buyer Group as to the Fairness of the Merger

The Extraordinary General Meeting Our Board's Recommendation

Item 13 Financial Statements

(a) *Financial Information*. The audited financial statements of the Company for the two years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 are incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 20-F/A for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed on April 25, 2012 (see page F-1 and following pages). The unaudited financial statements for the period January 1, 2012 March 31, 2012 are incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Transition Report on Form 20-F filed on March 28, 2013.

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Financial Information

Where You Can Find More Information

(b) *Pro Forma Information*. Not applicable.

Item 14 Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used

(a) *Solicitation or Recommendations*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference:

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The Extraordinary General Meeting Solicitation of Proxies

(b) *Employees and Corporate Assets*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference:

Summary Term Sheet The Parties Involved in the Merger

Special Factors Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

Annex D Directors and Executive Officers of Each Filing Person

Item 15 Additional Information

(c) *Other Material Information*. The information contained in the Proxy Statement, including all annexes thereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 16 Exhibits

- (a)-(1) Preliminary Proxy Statement of the Company dated April 3, 2013 (the Proxy Statement).
- (a)-(2) Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company, incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement.
- (a)-(3) Form of Proxy Card, incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement.
- (a)-(4) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 13, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 17, 2012.
- (a)-(5) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 22, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 24, 2012.
- (a)-(6) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 23, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 24, 2012.
- (a)-(7) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 29, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 30, 2012.
- (b)-(1) Equity Commitment Letter, dated March 22, 2013, by FountainVest China Growth Capital-A Fund, L.P., FountainVest China Growth Fund, L.P. and FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P. in favor of Parent.
- (c)-(1) Opinion of Houlihan Lokey (China) Limited, dated March 22, 2013, incorporated herein by reference to Annex B to the Proxy Statement.
- (c)-(2) Presentation to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors, dated March 15, 2013, of Houlihan Lokey (China) Limited.
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(f)-(1) Dissenters' Rights, incorporated herein by reference to the section entitled "Dissenters' Rights" in the Proxy Statement.

(f)-(2) British Virgin Islands Business Companies Act, 2004, as amended Section 179, incorporated herein by reference to Annex C to the Proxy Statement.

(g) Not applicable.

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SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: April 3, 2013

LJ International Inc.

By: /s/ Jie Yun Yu
Name: Jie Yun Yu
Title: Chairman of Special Committee

Flora Bloom Holdings

By: /s/ Kareen Watler
Name: Kareen Watler
Title: Director

Flora Fragrance Holdings Limited

By: /s/ David Lamb
Name: David Lamb
Title: For and on Behalf of Codan Services (B.V.I.) Ltd

Sole Director of Flora Fragrance Holdings
Limited

Yu Chuan Yih

By: /s/ Yu Chuan Yih

Hon Tak Ringo Ng

By: /s/ Hon Tak Ringo Ng

Ka Man Au

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Primeon, Inc.

By: /s/ Zhicheng Shi
Name: Zhicheng Shi
Title: Vice President

Hillside Financial

By: /s/ Zhicheng Shi
Name: Zhicheng Shi
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Shilin Investments

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Name: Zhicheng Shi
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URBAN PROSPERITY HOLDING LIMITED

By: /s/ Kareen Watler
Name: Kareen Watler
Title: Director

FOUNTAINVEST CHINA GROWTH FUND, L.P.
By FountainVest China Growth Partners GP1, L.P., its
general partner

By FountainVest China Growth Partners GP Ltd,

its general partner

By: /s/ Kui Tang
Name: Kui Tang
Title: Director

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Name: Kui Tang

Title: Director

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- (a)-(1) Preliminary Proxy Statement of the Company dated April 3, 2013 (the Proxy Statement).
- (a)-(2) Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company, incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement.
- (a)-(3) Form of Proxy Card, incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement.
- (a)-(4) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 13, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 17, 2012.
- (a)-(5) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 22, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 24, 2012.
- (a)-(6) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 23, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 24, 2012.
- (a)-(7) Press Release issued by the Company, dated August 29, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 6-K furnished by the Company to the SEC on August 30, 2012.
- (b)-(1) Equity Commitment Letter, dated March 22, 2013, by FountainVest China Growth Capital-A Fund, L.P., FountainVest China Growth Fund, L.P. and FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P. in favor of Parent.
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