The9 LTD Form 8-A12B/A March 10, 2009

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

# FORM 8-A/A FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 THE9 LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands Not Applicable

(State of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Building No. 3, 690 Bibo Road, Zhangjiang Hi-tech Park, Pudong New Area, Shanghai 201203,

People s Republic of China, 86-21-51729999

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class to be so Registered

Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered

**Ordinary Share Purchase Rights** 

Nasdaq Global Market

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box. b

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is

effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box. o

Securities Act registration statement file number to which form relates:

Not Applicable

(If applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

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#### **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM 8-A**

The undersigned registrant hereby amends the following items, exhibits or other portions of its Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated January 8, 2009, as set forth in the pages attached hereto.

#### Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registered.

Item 1 of the Form 8-A dated January 8, 2009, filed by The9 Limited (the Company ), is hereby amended as follows:

On January 8, 2009 the board of directors (the Board ) of The9 Limited (the Company ) declared a dividend of one ordinary share purchase right (a Right ) for each share of the Company, par value of U.S. \$0.01 per share (the Ordinary Shares ), outstanding at the close of business on January 22, 2009 (the Record Date ). As long as the Rights are attached to the Ordinary Shares, the Company will issue one Right (subject to adjustment) with each new Ordinary Share so that all such shares will have attached Rights. When exercisable, each Right will entitle the registered holder to purchase from the Company one Ordinary Share at a certain price per Ordinary Share, subject to adjustment (the

Purchase Price ). The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in the Rights Agreement dated as of January 8, 2009 (the Rights Agreement ) between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon (the Rights Agent ), as the same may be amended from time to time. Under the Rights Agreement, the Purchase Price was \$14.50 per Ordinary Share. Pursuant to Amendment No. 1 to the Rights Agreement dated as of March 9, 2009 between the Company and the Rights Agent, the Purchase Price was revised to \$19.50 per Ordinary Share.

Item 1 of the Form 8-A dated January 8, 2009, filed by the Company, is further amended as follows:

Exercise of Rights for Ordinary Shares of the Company

In the event that a person becomes an Acquiring Person, each holder of a Right, other than Rights that are or were acquired or beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person (which Rights will thereafter be void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise that number of Ordinary Shares having a market value of two times the then current Purchase Price of the Right. For example, at a Purchase Price of \$19.50 per Right, each Right not owned by an Acquiring Person (or by certain related parties) would entitle its holder to purchase \$39.00 worth of Ordinary Shares (or other consideration, pursuant to the Rights Agreement) for \$19.50. Assuming that the Ordinary Shares had a per share value of \$19.50 at such time, the holder of each valid Right would be entitled to purchase two Ordinary Shares for \$19.50.

At any time after a person becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to the earlier of one of the events described in the next paragraph or the acquisition by such Acquiring Person of 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Company, the Board may cause the Company to exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by an Acquiring Person which will have become void), in whole or in part, for Ordinary Shares or ADSs at an exchange rate of one Ordinary Share per Right or one ADS per Right, as applicable (subject to adjustment).

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#### Item 2. Exhibits

#### Exhibit No. Exhibit

- 4.1 Rights Agreement dated as of January 8, 2009 between The9 Limited and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Rights Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K filed by The9 Limited on January 8, 2009).
- 4.2 Amendment No. 1 to the Rights Agreement dated as of March 9, 2009 between The9 Limited and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Rights Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K filed by The9 Limited on March 10, 2009).

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### THE9 LIMITED

By: /s/ Jun Zhu Name: Jun Zhu

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 10, 2009

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