

TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP
Form S-1/A
January 29, 2007
Table of Contents

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 29, 2007

Registration No. 333-136300

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 6

TO

FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Trans-India Acquisition Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

6770
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)

20-5063512
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000

Chicago, IL 60606

(312) 922-1980

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

Bobba Venkatadri

President and Chief Executive Officer

Trans-India Acquisition Corporation

300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000

Chicago, IL 60606

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

(312) 922-1980

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

<p>Kevin K. Rooney, Esq.</p> <p>Hayden Bergman Rooney,</p> <p>Professional Corporation</p> <p>150 Post Street, Suite 650</p> <p>San Francisco, CA 94108</p> <p>Telephone: (415) 692-3310</p> <p>Facsimile: (415) 399-9320</p>	<p>Kathleen L. Cerveney, Esq.</p> <p>Dilworth Paxson LLP</p> <p>1133 Connecticut Avenue N.W.</p> <p>Suite 620</p> <p>Washington, DC 20036</p> <p>Telephone: (202) 452-0900</p> <p>Facsimile: (202) 452-0930</p>
--	--

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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, check the following box. x

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) 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. "

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) 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. "

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) 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. "

Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit ⁽¹⁾	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee ⁽⁵⁾
Units, each consisting of one share of Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, and one Warrant ⁽²⁾	11,500,000 Units	\$8.00	\$92,000,000	\$9,844
Shares of Common Stock included as part of the Units ⁽²⁾	11,500,000 Shares			(3)
Warrants included as part of the Units ⁽²⁾	11,500,000 Warrants			(3)
Shares of Common Stock underlying the Warrants included as part of the Units ⁽⁴⁾	11,500,000 Shares	\$5.00	\$57,500,000	\$6,153
Representatives Unit Purchase Option	1	\$100	\$100	(3)
Units underlying the Representatives Unit Purchase Option (Representatives Units)	500,000 Units	\$10.00	\$5,000,000	\$535
Shares of Common Stock included as part of the Representatives Units ⁽⁴⁾	500,000 Shares			(3)
Warrants included as part of the Representatives Units	500,000 Warrants			(3)
Shares of Common Stock underlying the Warrants included in the Representatives Units ⁽⁴⁾	500,000 Shares	\$6.25	\$3,125,000	\$335
Total			\$157,625,100	\$16,867

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee.

(2) Includes Units and shares of Common Stock and Warrants underlying such Units that may be sold upon exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, if any.

(3) No registration fee payable pursuant to Rule 457(g).

(4)

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

Pursuant to Rule 416, there are also being registered such indeterminable additional securities as may be issued as a result of the anti-dilution provisions contained in the Warrants, the Representatives Unit Purchase Option and the Warrants included as part of the Representatives Units.

(5) Amount previously paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall hereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Table of Contents

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS

Subject to Completion

Preliminary Prospectus dated January 29, 2007

\$80,000,000

10,000,000 Units

Trans-India Acquisition Corporation is a newly formed blank check company organized for the purpose of acquiring, through merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition or other similar business combination transaction, one or more target businesses with operations primarily in India. We intend to focus primarily on targets within the life sciences sector of the Indian economy. We have not identified or selected any prospective target business or had any discussions, formal or otherwise, with respect to such a transaction. This is our initial public offering of our securities. Each unit will be offered at a price of \$8.00 and will consist of one share of our common stock and one warrant.

Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of our common stock at a price of \$5.00. Each warrant will become exercisable on the later of our completion of a business combination or _____, 2008 [**one year from the date of this prospectus**], and will expire on _____, 2012 [**five years from the date of this prospectus**], or earlier upon redemption.

We have granted I-Bankers Securities, Inc. and CRT Capital Group LLC, representatives of the underwriters, a 45-day option to purchase up to 1,500,000 additional units solely to cover over-allotments, if any. The over-allotment option will be used only to cover the net syndicate short position resulting from the initial distribution.

Certain of our officers and directors and their affiliates, our special advisor and Trans-India Investors Limited have agreed to purchase an aggregate of 200,000 units at a purchase price of \$8.00 per unit (\$1,600,000 in the aggregate) in private placements that will occur immediately prior to this offering. Such units will be identical to the units sold in this offering except that they will not be registered. The purchasers in the private placements will not have any conversion rights or rights to any liquidation distributions with respect to the shares included in these units in the event we fail to consummate a business combination.

There is presently no public market for our units, common stock or warrants. Our units have been approved for listing on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol TIL.U , subject to official notice of listing. The common stock and warrants comprising the units may trade separately on the 90th day after the date of this prospectus, unless I-Bankers Securities, Inc. determines that an earlier date is acceptable. Once the securities comprising the units begin separate trading, the common stock and warrants will be listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbols TIL and TIL.WS , respectively.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page 13 of this prospectus for a discussion of information that 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 determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Public Offering Price	Underwriting Discounts and Commissions ⁽¹⁾	Proceeds, Before Expenses, to Us
Per unit	\$ 8.00	\$ 0.60	\$ 7.40
Total	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 74,000,000

(1) Includes 4.0% of the gross proceeds attributable to the underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses, or \$0.32 per unit (\$3,200,000 in total), which the representatives have agreed to deposit into the trust account until the earlier of the consummation of a business combination or the liquidation of the trust account and has also agreed to forfeit any rights to, or claims against, such deferred discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses, including any interest thereon, unless we successfully consummate a business combination.

Upon completion of this offering, \$78,200,000, representing a portion of the net proceeds of this offering, the deferred underwriting discounts and commissions, the non-accountable expense allowance and the private placement gross proceeds, will be placed into a trust account at Morgan Stanley maintained by Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, acting as trustee. As a result, our public stockholders will receive approximately \$7.82 per unit (plus interest earned on the trust account, net of taxes payable and up to \$2,300,000 of interest, net of taxes, that may be released to us to fund working capital) in the event of a liquidation of our company prior to consummation of a business combination.

We are offering the units for sale on a firm-commitment basis. I-Bankers Securities, Inc. and CRT Capital Group LLC, acting as representatives of the underwriters, expect to deliver our securities to investors in the offering on or about _____, 2007.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2007.

Table of Contents**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

	Page
<u>Prospectus Summary</u>	1
<u>Summary Financial Data</u>	12
<u>Risk Factors</u>	13
<u>Forward-Looking Statements</u>	32
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	33
<u>Determination of Offering Price</u>	38
<u>Dividend Policy</u>	38
<u>Capitalization</u>	39
<u>Dilution</u>	40
<u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	42
<u>Proposed Business</u>	45
<u>Management</u>	60
<u>Certain Relationships and Related Transactions</u>	66
<u>Principal Stockholders</u>	68
<u>Description of Securities</u>	70
<u>Shares Eligible for Future Sale</u>	74
<u>Underwriting</u>	76
<u>Legal Matters</u>	80
<u>Experts</u>	80
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	80
<u>Index to Financial Statements</u>	F-1

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters 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 are not, and the underwriters are not, making 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 is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus or other date stated in this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Market and Industry Data

Market data and industry statistics used throughout this prospectus are based on independent industry publications and other publicly available information. None of the sources cited in this prospectus has consented to the inclusion of any data from its reports, nor have we sought their consent. We have not independently verified any third-party information and cannot assure you of its accuracy or completeness. In addition, while we believe the market data and industry statistics included in this prospectus are generally reliable, such information is inherently imprecise. Such data involves risk and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the heading Risk Factors. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on this information.

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including Risk Factors and our financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus before you decide to invest in our securities. References in this prospectus to we, us and our refer to Trans-India Acquisition Corporation, unless the context requires otherwise. The term public stockholders refers to the persons that purchase the securities offered by this prospectus in this offering or in the aftermarket. Furthermore, as used in this prospectus, a target business shall mean a business with operations primarily in India and a business combination shall mean the acquisition of one or more target businesses. Unless we tell you otherwise, private placement units shall mean 200,000 units that certain of our officers and directors and their affiliates, our special advisor and Trans-India Investors Limited have agreed to purchase in private placements immediately prior to this offering and references to units in this prospectus includes the units offered by this prospectus in this offering and such private placement units. Unless we specify otherwise, the information in this prospectus assumes that the representatives of the underwriters will not exercise the over-allotment option. Certain numbers in this prospectus have been rounded.

Our Company

We are a recently organized Delaware blank check company formed on April 13, 2006 for the purpose of acquiring, through a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition or other similar business combination, one or more target businesses with operations primarily in India. Given the experience of our management team, we intend to seek targets within the life sciences sector of the Indian economy. We will, however, consider acquisitions outside of the life sciences sector if such acquisitions become available to us on attractive terms. To date, our efforts have been limited to organizational activities and this offering.

We believe that a number of favorable factors combine to make India a uniquely desirable country in which to target business acquisitions. India has entered an era of rapid economic growth and is developing a large and increasingly prosperous middle class. The Indian economy is transitioning from traditional farming and handicrafts to modern agriculture, modernized industries and services. India has become one of the world's largest democracies, and in recent years, has undergone significant deregulation of certain sectors of its economy. According to the World Factbook published by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (updated as of September 7, 2006), India is the world's second most populous country and the Indian economy has posted an average annual growth rate of over 7% since 1994, and has become the fifth largest economy in the world. According to the World Factbook, the Indian economy is estimated to have had a Gross Domestic Product in 2005 of approximately \$3.6 trillion (purchasing power parity) and grew at a rate of approximately 7.6%.

Although our acquisition strategy is not limited to any particular industry, we intend to focus on target businesses in the life sciences sector. It is commonly known that India has become a major global resource for outsourcing of a variety of services. We believe that the intersection of high value-added outsourcing with the growing life sciences sector presents an attractive opportunity. We believe that unique opportunities exist to acquire companies in India that are positioned to benefit from increases in the outsourcing of important life sciences activities, including but not limited to:

drug research and clinical trials;

manufacturing of drugs and drug products;

medical devices;

diagnostic products and services;

biofuels; and

agricultural biotechnology.

Table of Contents

We do not have any specific business combination under consideration and we have not (nor has anyone on our behalf) contacted any prospective target business or had any discussions, formal or otherwise, with respect to such a transaction. We have not (nor have any of our agents or affiliates) been approached by any candidates (or representative of any candidates) with respect to a possible acquisition transaction with our company. Additionally, we have not, nor has anyone on our behalf, taken any measure, directly or indirectly, to identify any suitable acquisition candidate, nor have we engaged or retained any agent or other representative to identify any such acquisition candidate. We cannot assure you that we will be able to identify a target business meeting the criteria described above or that we will be able to engage in a business combination with a target business on favorable terms.

Our management will have virtually unrestricted flexibility in identifying and selecting a prospective target business, except that our initial business combination must be with a target business whose fair market value is equal to at least 80% of our net assets (all of our assets, including the funds held in the trust account but excluding the funds held in the trust account for the benefit of the representatives, less our liabilities) at the time of such acquisition, although this may entail simultaneous acquisitions of more than one target business. We may not be able to acquire more than one target business because of various factors, including possible complex accounting issues, which would include generating pro forma financial statements reflecting the operations of several target businesses as if they had been combined, and numerous logistical issues, which could include attempting to coordinate the timing of due diligence and negotiations, proxy statement disclosure, foreign exchange or other clearances and closings with multiple target businesses. In addition, we would also be exposed to the risk that conditions to closings with respect to the acquisition of one or more of the target businesses would not be satisfied, bringing the fair market value of the initial business combination below the required fair market value of 80% of our net assets threshold.

The target business or businesses that we acquire may have a fair market value substantially in excess of 80% of our net assets. The fair market value of such business or businesses will be determined by our board of directors based upon standards generally accepted by the financial community. If our board of directors is not able to independently determine that the target business has a sufficient fair market value, we will obtain an opinion from an unaffiliated, independent investment banking firm. In order to consummate such a business combination, we may issue a significant amount of our debt or equity securities to the sellers of such business and/or seek to raise additional funds through a private offering of debt or equity securities. Since we have no specific business combination under consideration, we have not entered into any such fund raising arrangement and have no current intention of doing so. However, if we did, such arrangement would only be consummated simultaneously with the consummation of the business combination.

Our offices are located at 300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60606, and our telephone number at that address is (312) 922-1980.

Private Placements

Certain of our officers and directors and their affiliates, our special advisor and Trans-India Investors Limited have agreed that they will purchase an aggregate of 200,000 units from us at a purchase price of \$8.00 per unit in private placements that will occur immediately prior to this offering. These units will be identical to the units being offered by this prospectus except that they will not be registered. The \$1,600,000 of gross proceeds from the private placements will be held in the trust account for the benefit of the public stockholders. The purchasers in the private placements will not have any conversion rights or rights to liquidation distributions with respect to the shares included in these units in the event we fail to consummate a business combination. The private placement warrants will not be exercisable at any time when a registration statement is not effective and a current prospectus available.

Table of Contents

Management Loans

Certain of our officers and directors and their affiliates have agreed to loan us up to an aggregate of \$400,000 at a 5% per annum interest rate to cover expenses related to this offering and the private placements. The balance of such loans will be repaid at closing from the proceeds of this offering.

The Offering

Securities offered: 10,000,000 units, at \$8.00 per unit, each consisting of:

one share of common stock; and

one warrant.

The units will begin trading on or promptly after the date of this prospectus. Each of the common stock and warrants may trade separately on the 90th day after the date of this prospectus, unless I-Bankers Securities, Inc. determines that an earlier date is acceptable and may decide to allow continued trading of the units, based on their assessment of the relative strengths of the securities markets and small capitalization companies in general, and the trading pattern of, and demand for, our securities in particular. In no event will I-Bankers Securities, Inc. allow separate trading of the common stock and warrants until (i) we file an audited balance sheet reflecting our receipt of the gross proceeds of this offering, (ii) we file a Current Report on Form 8-K and issue a press release announcing when such separate trading will begin, and (iii) the business day following the earlier to occur of the expiration of the underwriters' over-allotment option or its exercise in full. We will file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, including an audited balance sheet, upon the consummation of this offering, which is anticipated to take place three business days from the date of this prospectus. The audited balance sheet will include proceeds we receive from the exercise of the over-allotment option if the over-allotment option is exercised prior to the filing of the Form 8-K. If the over-allotment option is exercised following the initial filing of such Form 8-K, an amended Form 8-K will be filed with the SEC to provide updated financial information to reflect the exercise of the over-allotment option. The Form 8-K will be publicly available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Common stock:

Number outstanding before this offering 2,500,000 shares

Number to be sold in the private placements 200,000 shares

Number to be outstanding after this offering 12,700,000 shares, or 14,200,000 shares if the underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in and the private placements full.

Table of Contents

Warrants:

Number outstanding before this offering None

Number to be sold in the private placements 200,000 warrants

Number to be outstanding after this offering and the private placements 10,200,000 warrants, or 11,700,000 warrants if the underwriters over-allotment option is exercised in full.

Exercisability Each warrant is exercisable for one share of common stock and may be exercised on a net-exercise (cashless) basis.

Exercise price \$5.00

Exercise period The warrants will become exercisable on the later of:

the completion of a business combination on terms described in this prospectus; and

, 2008 [**one year from the date of this prospectus**].

Prior to the time the warrants become exercisable, we will endeavor to register the common stock that warrant holders will receive upon exercise and maintain the effectiveness of such registration until the expiration of the warrants. The warrants will not be exercisable at any time when a registration statement is not effective.

None of the warrants may be exercised until after the consummation of a business combination and, thus, after the proceeds of the trust account have been disbursed. Upon exercise of the warrants, the warrant exercise price, if any, will be paid directly to us. The warrants will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on _____, 2012 [**five years from the date of this prospectus**] or earlier upon redemption.

Redemption We may redeem the outstanding warrants (including any warrants issued upon exercise of the representatives' unit purchase option), with the prior consent of I-Bankers Securities, Inc.:

in whole and not in part;

at a price of \$0.01 per warrant at any time after the warrants become exercisable;

upon a minimum of 30 days prior written notice of redemption; and

if, and only if, the last sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds \$11.50 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading day period ending three business days before we send the notice of redemption.

Table of Contents

We have established these criteria to provide warrant holders with a reasonable premium to the initial warrant exercise price as well as a reasonable cushion against a negative market reaction, if any, to our redemption call. If the foregoing conditions are satisfied and we call the warrants for redemption, each warrant holder shall then be entitled to exercise his, her or its warrant prior to the date scheduled for redemption, by payment of the exercise price or on a net-exercise (cashless) basis in lieu of paying the cash exercise price as described in this prospectus. However, there can be no assurance that the price of the common stock will exceed \$11.50 or the warrant exercise price after the redemption call is made. In addition, such redemption can and may occur while a registration statement is not effective and a current prospectus is not available and therefore the warrants are not exercisable. If this occurs, the warrants would not be exercisable and would only be worth the redemption price.

Since we may redeem the warrants only with the prior consent of I-Bankers Securities, Inc., which firm may also hold warrants subject to redemption, it may have a conflict of interest in determining whether or not to consent to such redemption. We cannot assure you that I-Bankers Securities, Inc. will consent to such redemption if it is not in its best interest, even if it is in our best interest.

Proposed American Stock Exchange Market symbols for our:

Units	TIL.U
Common stock	TIL
Warrants	TIL.WS

Offering and private placement proceeds to be held in trust: \$73,400,000 of the net proceeds of this offering (or \$84,650,000 if the over-allotment option is exercised in full) plus the \$1,600,000 we receive from the sale of the units in the private placements will be placed in a trust account at Morgan Stanley maintained by Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, acting as trustee, pursuant to an agreement to be entered into on the date of this prospectus. In addition, \$3,200,000 of the aggregate of \$6,000,000 of underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses that may be payable (or \$3,680,000 if the over-allotment option is exercised in full) to the underwriters in this offering will be placed in the trust account. The underwriters have agreed that such amount will not be paid unless and until we consummate a business combination, but will be forfeited by the underwriters if a business combination is not consummated. Except for a portion of the interest earned on the trust account, these proceeds will not be released until the earlier of the completion of a business combination or our liquidation. Therefore, unless and until a business combination is consummated, the proceeds held in the trust account (other than up to \$2,300,000 of interest earned on the trust account that may be

Table of Contents

released to us) will not be available for our use for any expenses related to this offering or expenses which we may incur related to the investigation and selection of a target business and the negotiation of an agreement to acquire a target business. These business combination related expenses may be paid following the date of this prospectus and prior to a business combination only from amounts available outside the trust account (initially, approximately \$190,240) and up to \$2,300,000 of interest earned on the trust account that may be released to us to fund our working capital requirements. The \$3,200,000 of the proceeds attributable to the underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses will be paid to the representatives and any stockholders exercising their conversion rights upon completion of a business combination on the terms described in this prospectus or to our public stockholders upon our liquidation, but will, in no event, be available for use by us in a business combination.

Based on interest rates as of the date of this prospectus for the permitted investments of the trust funds, we estimate that the funds held in the trust account will earn interest at a rate of approximately 5% per annum.

We may use a portion of the funds not held in the trust account or released to us to make a deposit, down payment or fund a no-shop provision with respect to a particular proposed business combination. In the event we were ultimately required to forfeit such funds (whether as a result of our breach of the agreement relating to such payment or otherwise), we may not have a sufficient amount of working capital available outside of the trust account to pay expenses related to finding a suitable business combination without securing additional financing. If we were unable to secure additional financing, we would most likely fail to consummate a business combination in the allotted time and would be required to dissolve and liquidate.

None of the warrants may be exercised until after the consummation of a business combination and, thus, after the proceeds of the trust account have been disbursed. The warrant exercise price will be paid directly to us and not placed in the trust account.

Release of offering proceeds held in trust:

Up to \$2,300,000 of the interest earned on the trust account, net of taxes, may be released to us periodically to pay our operating expenses, including costs associated with the investigation and selection of a target business and the negotiation of any agreement to acquire a target business and the remaining interest, net of taxes, will be retained in the trust account and distributed as described below. In addition, funds in the trust account will be released to us periodically to pay income taxes on interest earned on the trust account.

The entire proceeds held in trust will be released to us upon completion of a business combination, except for payments made to holders of our common stock who convert their shares into cash and

Table of Contents

except for the deferred underwriting discounts and commissions and interest thereon that will be paid to the underwriters. Holders of common stock whose shares are converted to cash in connection with our initial business combination will receive their pro rata portion of the amount held in trust (\$7.82 per share), including the deferred portion of the underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses (\$0.32 per share) and the proceeds of the private placements, plus the pro rata portion of any interest on the portion of the trust account representing the net proceeds of this offering not released to us, net of taxes. Upon completion of the business combination, the underwriters will be paid the deferred underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses, plus interest thereon, less \$0.32 for each share converted to cash in connection with our business combination.

In the event we fail to consummate a business combination within the permitted time, our board will, in accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, adopt a resolution, within 15 days thereafter, finding our dissolution advisable and provide notice as promptly thereafter as practicable to our stockholders in connection with our dissolution in accordance with Delaware law. In the event stockholders owning a majority of our outstanding common stock approve our dissolution, all public stockholders will be entitled to receive their pro rata portion of the amount deposited in trust (\$7.82 per unit), including the deferred portion of the underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses (\$0.32 per unit) and proceeds of the private placements, plus the pro rata portion of any interest earned on the net proceeds not released to us, net of taxes. In addition, such holders will be entitled to receive a pro rata portion of our remaining assets not held in trust, less amounts we pay, or reserve to pay, for all of our liabilities and obligations, and the underwriters will forfeit the entire deferred underwriting discounts and commissions. Our existing stockholders will not be entitled to any liquidating distributions.

Limited payment to insiders:

Prior to completion of a business combination, there will be no fees, reimbursements or cash payments made to our existing stockholders and/or officers and directors other than:

repayment at the closing of this offering of \$200,000 of loans with 5% interest made by certain of our officers and directors and their affiliates to date to cover expenses related to this offering and the private placements;

payment of \$7,500 per month to Johnson and Colmar, an affiliate of one of our officers and directors for office space and administrative services; and

reimbursement for any expenses incident to the offering and related to identifying and investigating possible business targets and business combinations.

Table of Contents

Stockholders must approve business combination:

We will seek stockholder approval before we effect any business combination, even if the nature of the acquisition would not ordinarily require stockholder approval under applicable state law. In connection with the vote required for any business combination, all of our existing stockholders, including all of our officers and directors, have agreed to vote the shares of common stock owned by them immediately before this offering, including any shares included in the private placement units, in accordance with the majority of the shares of common stock voted by the public stockholders. We will proceed with a business combination only if (i) a majority of the shares of common stock voted by the public stockholders are voted in favor of the business combination and (ii) public stockholders owning less than 25% of the aggregate shares sold in this offering exercise their conversion rights described below. Voting against the business combination alone will not result in conversion of a stockholder's shares for a pro rata share of the trust account. Such stockholder must have also exercised his, her or its conversion rights described below.

Conversion rights for stockholders voting to reject a business combination:

Pursuant to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, public stockholders voting against a business combination will be entitled to convert their stock into a pro rata share of the amount held in the trust account representing the net proceeds of this offering, including accrued interest thereon (net of taxes payable and up to \$2,300,000 of interest that may be released to us to fund our working capital), plus the underwriting deferred discounts and commissions, plus the proceeds of the private placements, if the business combination is approved and completed. We view this requirement as an obligation to our stockholders and will not take any action to amend or waive this provision in our certificate of incorporation. Our existing stockholders will not have such conversion rights with respect to any shares of common stock owned by them, directly or indirectly, prior to this offering, including shares included in the private placement units. Public shareholders who convert their shares into a pro rata share of the trust account will be paid promptly following their exercise of conversion rights and will continue to have the right to exercise any warrants they own. Investors in this offering who do not sell, or who receive less than an aggregate of \$0.18 of net sales proceeds for, the warrants included in the units, and persons who purchase common stock in the aftermarket at a price in excess of \$7.82 per share, may have a disincentive to exercise their conversion rights because the amount they would receive upon conversion could be less than the \$8.00 per unit price in this offering and may be lower than the market price of the common stock on the date of conversion.

Audit committee to monitor compliance:

On completion of this offering, our board of directors will have and maintain an audit committee composed entirely of independent directors to, among other things, monitor compliance on a quarterly

Table of Contents

basis with the terms described above and the other terms relating to this offering. If any noncompliance is identified, then the audit committee will be charged with the responsibility to immediately take all action necessary to rectify such noncompliance or otherwise cause compliance with the terms of this offering.

Liquidation if no business combination:

If we do not effect a business combination within 18 months after consummation of this offering (or within 24 months from the consummation of this offering if a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement has been executed within 18 months after consummation of this offering and the business combination has not yet been consummated within such 18 month period), in accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation:

our corporate purposes and powers will immediately thereupon be limited to acts and activities relating to dissolving and winding up our affairs, including liquidation, and we will not be able to engage in any other business activities;

our board of directors will be required to adopt, within 15 days thereafter, a resolution pursuant to Section 275(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law finding our dissolution advisable and provide such notices to our stockholders as are required by Section 275(a) as promptly thereafter as possible; and

in the event stockholders owning a majority of our outstanding common stock approve our dissolution, we must promptly adopt a plan of distribution which provides that only the public stockholders shall be entitled to receive liquidating distributions.

We cannot provide investors with assurances of a specific timetable for our dissolution and liquidation in such circumstances. However, we will take all actions necessary to promptly dissolve and liquidate. As required under Delaware law, we will seek stockholder approval for any plan of dissolution and liquidation. If such stockholder approval is not obtained, we will not be dissolved and liquidated and we will not be able to distribute funds held in the trust account to our stockholders. Our existing stockholders have agreed to vote in favor of such dissolution and liquidation in these circumstances. Upon the approval by our stockholders of our plan of dissolution and liquidation, we will liquidate our assets, including the trust account, and after reserving amounts from the interest on the trust account available to us as working capital to cover the costs of dissolution and liquidation, distribute those assets solely to our public stockholders. Agreements with the existing stockholders do not permit them to participate in any liquidation distribution occurring upon our failure to consummate a business combination with respect to those shares of common stock acquired by them before this offering. They will participate in any liquidation distribution with respect to any shares of common stock acquired in connection with or following this offering.

Table of Contents

There will be no distribution from our trust account with respect to our warrants, and all rights with respect to our warrants will effectively cease upon our liquidation.

Upon our dissolution we will be required to pay or make reasonable provision to pay all of our claims and obligations, including all contingent, conditional, or unmatured claims. These amounts must be paid or provided for before we make any distribution to our stockholders. While we intend to pay such amounts, if any, from the interest on the trust account available to us for working capital, we cannot assure you those funds will be sufficient to cover such claims and obligations. Under Delaware law, stockholders may be liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution, unless certain notice and waiting period requirements are satisfied. However, it is our intention to make liquidating distributions to our stockholders without complying with these provisions and therefore our public stockholders could be liable for any claims to the extent of distributions (but not more) received by them and any liability of our public stockholders may be for an extended period of time. While we will seek waivers from all target acquisitions, vendors and service providers to claims to amounts in the trust account, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to obtain any such waiver or that any such waiver will be held valid and enforceable. Bobba Venkatadri, our President and Chief Executive Officer and one of our directors, has agreed that he will be personally liable to cover claims made by such third parties, but only if, and to the extent, the claims reduce the amounts in the trust account available for payment to our stockholders in the event of a liquidation and the claims are made by a vendor for services rendered, or products sold, to us or by a prospective target business. However, Mr. Venkatadri will not have any personal liability as to any claimed amounts owed to a third party who executed a waiver, or as to any claims under our indemnity of the underwriters of this offering against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. Our other directors and officers have each agreed to be personally liable, severally, in accordance with his respective beneficial ownership interest in us, for ensuring that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of any vendor or service provider that is owed money by us for services rendered or products sold to us. However, we cannot assure you that our directors and officers will be able to satisfy those obligations.

We estimate that in the event we liquidate the trust account, a public stockholder will receive approximately \$7.82 per share, without taking into account interest earned on the trust account (net of taxes payable on interest income on the funds in the trust account and interest income of up to \$2,300,000 on the trust account balance previously released to us to fund our working capital requirements, including the costs of our dissolution and liquidation), out of the

Table of Contents

funds in the trust account. We expect that all costs associated with implementing our plan of dissolution and liquidation will be funded from the interest available to us as working capital.

For more information regarding the dissolution and liquidation procedures and the factors that may impair our ability to distribute our assets, including stockholder approval requirements and potential stockholder liability, or cause distributions to be less than \$7.82 per share, please see the sections entitled **Risk Factors Risks Associated with Our Business**. If we do not timely consummate a business combination, we will be required to dissolve, but such dissolution requires the approval of holders of a majority of our common stock in accordance with Delaware law. Without this shareholder approval, we will not be able to dissolve and liquidate and we will not distribute funds from our trust account to public stockholders, **Risk Factors Risks Associated with Our Business**. If third parties bring claims against us, the proceeds held in trust could be reduced and the per-share conversion and liquidation price received by stockholders may be less than \$7.82 per share, and **Risk Factors Risks Associated with Our Business**. Upon distribution of the trust account, our public stockholders may be held liable for claims of third parties against us to the extent of distributions received by them.

Escrow of existing stockholders' securities: Upon consummation of this offering, all of our existing stockholders, including all of our officers and directors and their affiliates, our special advisor and Trans-India Investors Limited, will place the securities they own as of the date of this prospectus, including the private placement units, into an escrow account maintained by Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, acting as escrow agent. Subject to certain limited exceptions, such as transfers to family members and trusts for estate planning purposes and upon death, these securities will not be transferable during the escrow period and will not be released from escrow until consummation of a business combination.

Risks

In making your decision on whether or not to invest in our securities, you should take into account not only the backgrounds of our management team, but also the special risks we face as a blank check company, as well as the fact that, despite being a blank check company this offering is not being conducted in compliance with Rule 419 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and, therefore, you will not be entitled to protections normally afforded to investors in Rule 419 blank check offerings. Additionally, our existing stockholders' initial equity investment is below that which is required under the guidelines of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. You should carefully consider these and the other risks set forth in the section entitled **Risk Factors** beginning on page 13 of this prospectus.

Table of Contents**SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table summarizes the relevant financial data for our business and should be read with our financial statements, which are included in this prospectus. To date, our efforts have been limited to organizational activities, so only balance sheet data is presented.

	November 30, 2006	
	Actual	As Adjusted⁽¹⁾
Balance Sheet Data:		
Working capital (deficit)	\$ (135,201)	\$ 75,195,823
Total assets	232,343	78,395,823
Total liabilities	226,760	3,200,000
Value of common stock that may be converted for cash (\$7.82 per share)		19,542,180
Stockholders' equity	5,583	55,653,643

- (1) Includes the \$1,600,000 we will receive from the sale of the private placement units, which is conditional only upon the completion of this offering and which is otherwise an irrevocable commitment of the purchasers. Assumes the payment of the \$3,200,000 deferred underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses to the underwriters.

The working capital in the Actual column excludes \$140,784 of costs related to this offering and the private placements which were paid prior to November 30, 2006. These deferred offering costs have been recorded as a long-term asset and are reclassified against stockholders' equity in the As Adjusted column.

The working capital and total assets amounts in the As Adjusted column include the \$75,000,000 being held in the trust account, which will be available to us only upon the consummation of a business combination within the time period described in this prospectus. If a business combination is not so consummated, our board of directors shall adopt a resolution, within 15 days after such time period finding our dissolution advisable and will provide notice as soon as possible thereafter of a special meeting of stockholders to vote on our dissolution in accordance with Delaware law. If our dissolution is approved by our stockholders, we will promptly adopt a plan of distribution in accordance with Delaware law, and then the proceeds then held in the trust account, (including the \$3,200,000, or \$3,680,000 if the over-allotment option is exercised, attributable to the deferred underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses) will be distributed as soon as practicable solely to the public stockholders. In addition, such holders will be entitled to receive a pro rata portion of our remaining assets not held in trust, less amounts we pay, or reserve to pay, for all of our liabilities and obligations. These liabilities and obligations include our corporate expenses arising during our remaining existence, including the costs of our dissolution and liquidation.

We will not proceed with a business combination if less than a majority of the votes cast by the public stockholders are voted in favor of the business combination or if public stockholders owning 25% or more of the aggregate shares sold in this offering both vote their shares against the business combination and exercise their conversion rights. Accordingly, we may effect a business combination if public stockholders owning up to approximately 24.99% of the shares sold in this offering exercise their conversion rights. If this occurred, we would be required to convert for cash up to approximately 24.99% of the 10,000,000 shares of common stock included in the units, or 2,499,000 shares of common stock, at a conversion price of \$7.82 per share without taking into account any of the interest earned on the trust account (net of taxes payable). The actual per-share conversion price will be equal to:

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

the amount in the trust account representing the offering net proceeds of \$73,400,000, including all accrued interest (net of taxes payable and less up to \$2,300,000 of interest earned on the trust account that may be released to us to fund our working capital), calculated as of the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to vote on the proposed business combination;

plus the \$3,200,000 of deferred underwriting discounts and commissions and non-accountable expenses;

plus the gross proceeds of \$1,600,000 from the private placements; and

divided by the number of shares of common stock sold in this offering.

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks described below before buying units in this offering. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Associated with Our Business

We are a development stage company with no operating history and, accordingly, you will not have any basis on which to evaluate our ability to achieve our business objective.

We are a recently incorporated development stage company with no operating results to date. Therefore, our ability to begin operations is dependent upon obtaining financing through the public offering of our securities. Since we do not have an operating history, you will have no basis upon which to evaluate our ability to achieve our business objective, which is to acquire one or more operating businesses. We have not conducted any discussions and we have no plans, arrangements or understandings with any prospective acquisition targets. We will not generate any revenues until, at the earliest, after the consummation of a business combination.

Investors must rely on our management with respect to the identification and selection of a prospective target business and we cannot assure you that any such acquisition will be successful.

Although our management has broad discretion with respect to the specific application of the net proceeds, substantially all of the net proceeds of this offering are intended to be applied in connection with consummating a business combination in India. Management has virtually unrestricted flexibility in identifying and selecting a prospective target business. Investors must therefore rely on management's due diligence review and evaluation of potential acquisition targets. There can be no assurances that, if we complete an acquisition, such acquisition will be successful.

We will be dependent upon limited funds outside of the trust account and interest earned on the trust account released to us to fund our search for a target company and consummation of a business combination.

Of the net proceeds of this offering and the private placements, only approximately \$190,240 is estimated to be available to us initially outside the trust account to fund our working capital requirements. We will be dependent upon sufficient interest being earned on the proceeds held in the trust account to provide us with the additional working capital to search for a target company and consummate a business combination. Based on interest rates as of the date of this prospectus for the permitted investments of the trust funds, we estimate that the funds held in the trust account will earn interest at a rate of approximately 5% per annum. While we are entitled to receive up to a maximum of \$2,300,000 of the interest earned on the trust account for such purpose, if interest rates were to decline substantially, we may not have sufficient funds available to provide us with the working capital necessary to complete a business combination. In such event, we would need to obtain additional financing, either from our management or the existing stockholders or from third parties. We may not be able to obtain additional financing and our existing stockholders and management are not obligated to provide any additional financing. If we do not have sufficient proceeds and cannot find additional financing, we may be forced to dissolve and liquidate prior to consummating a business combination.

Because there are numerous companies with business plans similar to ours seeking to effectuate business combinations, it may be more difficult for us to do so.

Since August 2003, based upon publicly available information as of December 31, 2006, approximately 79 similarly structured blank check companies have completed initial public offerings and are currently looking for

Table of Contents

targets, and numerous others have filed registration statements for initial public offerings. Of these companies, only 14 companies have consummated a business combination, while 26 other companies have announced they have entered into a definitive agreement for a business combination, but have not consummated such business combination. While, like us, some of those companies have specific industries in which they must complete a business combination, a number of them may consummate a business combination in any industry they choose. Moreover, we know of 4 blank check companies that have completed initial public offerings and seek to complete a business combination in India. None of these companies have consummated a business combination and none have announced they have entered into a definitive agreement for a business combination in India. We may, therefore, be subject to competition from these and other companies seeking to consummate a business plan similar to ours, which, as a result, would increase demand for companies to combine with companies structured similarly to ours. Further, the fact that only a few of such companies have completed a business combination or entered into a definitive agreement for a business combination, may be an indication that there are only a limited number of attractive target businesses available to such entities, or that many privately held or publicly held, target businesses may not be inclined to enter into business combinations with publicly held blank check companies like us. Three companies have failed to close proposed acquisitions and will be liquidated. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully compete for an attractive business combination. Additionally, because of this competition, we cannot assure you that we will be able to effectuate a business combination within the required time periods. If we are unable to find a suitable target business within such time periods, we will be forced to liquidate.

Since we have not currently selected any target business with which to complete a business combination, investors in this offering are unable to currently ascertain the merits or risks of the target business operations.

Since we have not yet identified a prospective target business, investors in this offering have no current basis to evaluate the possible merits or risks of the target business operations. To the extent we complete a business combination with a financially unstable company or an entity in its development stage, we may be affected by numerous risks inherent in the business operations of those entities. Although our management will endeavor to evaluate the risks inherent in a particular target business, we cannot assure you that we will properly ascertain or assess all of the significant risk factors. We also cannot assure you that an investment in our units will not ultimately prove to be less favorable to investors in this offering than a direct investment, if an opportunity were available, in a target business. For a more complete discussion of our selection of a target business, see the section entitled Proposed Business Effecting a Business Combination We have not identified a target business.

If we do not timely consummate a business combination, we will be required to dissolve, but such dissolution requires the approval of holders of a majority of our common stock in accordance with Delaware law. Without this shareholder approval, we will not be able to dissolve and liquidate and we will not distribute funds from our trust account to public stockholders.

If we do not complete a business combination within 18 months after the consummation of this offering (or within 24 months after the consummation of this offering if a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement is executed within 18 months after the consummation of this offering and the business combination relating thereto is not consummated within such 18-month period), our certificate of incorporation (a) provides that our corporate powers will automatically thereafter be limited to acts and activities relating to dissolving and winding up our affairs, including liquidation, and we will not be able to engage in any other business activities, and (b) requires that our board of directors within 15 days adopt a resolution finding our dissolution advisable and provide notice as soon as possible thereafter of a special meeting of stockholders to vote on our dissolution. However, pursuant to Delaware law, our dissolution requires the affirmative vote of stockholders owning a majority of our then outstanding common stock. Soliciting the vote of our stockholders will require the preparation of preliminary and definitive proxy statements, which will need to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and could be subject to their review. This review process could take up to several months.

Table of Contents

As a result, distribution of our assets to our public stockholders could be subject to a considerable delay. Furthermore, we may need to postpone the stockholders' meeting, resolicit our stockholders, or amend our plan of dissolution and liquidation to obtain the required stockholder approval, all of which would further delay the distribution of our assets and result in increased costs. If we are not able to obtain approval from a majority of our stockholders, we will not be able to dissolve and liquidate and we will not be able to distribute funds from our trust account to holders of our common stock sold in this offering and these funds will not be available for any other corporate purpose. In the event we seek stockholder approval for a plan of dissolution and liquidation and do not obtain such approval, we will nonetheless continue to pursue stockholder approval for such a plan. However, we cannot assure you that our stockholders will approve our dissolution in a timely manner or will ever approve our dissolution. As a result, we cannot provide investors with assurances of a specific time frame for the liquidation and distribution. If our stockholders do not approve a plan of dissolution and liquidation and the funds remain in the trust account for an indeterminate amount of time, we may be considered to be an investment company. Please see the risk factor entitled "Risks Associated with this Offering." If we are deemed to be an investment company, we may be required to institute burdensome compliance requirements, and our activities may be restricted, which may make it difficult for us to consummate a business combination or operate over the near term or long term in our intended manner.

Because the initial per share amount deposited in trust is \$7.82 per share, if we are unable to timely complete a business combination and we receive stockholder approval to dissolve and distribute the funds held in trust, public stockholders may receive less than \$8.00 per share upon distribution of the trust account and our redeemable warrants will expire worthless.

Because the initial per share amount deposited in trust is \$7.82 per share, if we are unable to complete a business combination and we receive stockholder approval to dissolve and distribute the funds held in the trust account to public stockholders, public stockholders may receive less than the \$8.00 purchase price per unit as a result of the interest amounts on the trust account that may be released to us to fund working capital requirements, including expenses of this offering, our general and administrative expenses and the anticipated costs of seeking a business combination. Furthermore, we will be required to pay or make reasonable provision to pay claims of creditors which we intend to do from the funds not held in trust. In addition, there will be no distribution with respect to our outstanding warrants and, accordingly, the warrants will expire worthless if we liquidate before the completion of a business combination.

After our business combination, we may be solely dependent on a single business and a limited number of products or services.

Our business combination must be with a business with a fair market value of at least 80% of our net assets at the time of such acquisition, although this may entail the simultaneous acquisitions of several operating businesses at the same time. By consummating a business combination with only a single entity, our lack of diversification may subject us to numerous economic, competitive and regulatory developments. Further, we would not be able to diversify our operations or benefit from the possible spreading of risks or offsetting of losses, unlike other entities which may have the resources to complete several business combinations in different industries or different areas of a single industry. Accordingly, the prospects for our success may be:

solely dependent upon the performance of a single business; or

dependent upon the development or market acceptance of a single or limited number of products, processes or services.

Alternatively, if our business combination entails the simultaneous acquisitions of several operating businesses at the same time from different sellers, we would face additional risks, including difficulties and expenses incurred in connection with the subsequent integration of the operations and services or products of the acquired companies into a single operating business. If we are unable to adequately address these risks, it could negatively impact our profitability and results of operations.

Table of Contents

Because of our limited resources and structure, we may not be able to consummate an attractive business combination.

We expect to encounter intense competition from entities other than blank check companies having a business objective similar to ours, including venture capital funds, leveraged buyout funds and operating businesses competing for acquisitions. Many of these entities are well established and have extensive experience in identifying and effecting business combinations directly or through affiliates. Many of these competitors possess greater technical, human and other resources than we do and our financial resources will be relatively limited when contrasted with those of many of these competitors. While we believe that there are numerous potential target businesses that we could acquire with the net proceeds of this offering, our ability to compete in acquiring certain sizable target businesses will be limited by our available financial resources. This inherent competitive limitation gives others an advantage in pursuing the acquisition of certain target businesses. Furthermore, the obligation we have to seek stockholder approval of a business combination may delay the consummation of a transaction. Additionally, our outstanding warrants, and the future dilution they potentially represent, may not be viewed favorably by certain target businesses. Any of these obligations may place us at a competitive disadvantage in successfully negotiating a business combination. Because only 43 of the 79 blank check companies that have gone public in the United States since August 2003 through December 31, 2006 have either consummated a business combination or entered into a definitive agreement for a business combination, it may indicate that there are fewer attractive target businesses available to such entities like our company or that many privately held target businesses are not inclined to enter into these types of transactions with publicly held blank check companies like ours. If we are unable to consummate a business combination with a target business within the prescribed time periods, we will be forced to liquidate.

We may be unable to obtain additional financing, if required, to complete a business combination or to fund the operations and growth of the target business, which could compel us to restructure the transaction or abandon a particular business combination.

Although we believe that the net proceeds of this offering and the private placements will be sufficient to allow us to consummate a business combination, as we have not yet identified any prospective target business, we cannot ascertain the capital requirements for any particular transaction. If the net proceeds of this offering and the private placements prove to be insufficient, either because of the size of the business combination or the depletion of the available net proceeds (including interest earned on the trust account released to us) in search of a target business, or because we become obligated to convert for cash a significant number of shares from dissenting stockholders, we will be required to seek additional financing. We cannot assure you that such financing would be available on acceptable terms, if at all. To the extent that additional financing proves to be unavailable when needed to consummate a particular business combination, we would be compelled to restructure the transaction or abandon that particular business combination and seek an alternative target business candidate. In addition, it is possible that we could use a portion of the funds not held in the trust account to make a deposit, down payment or fund a no-shop provision with respect to a particular proposed business combination, although we do not have any current intention to do so. In the event that we were ultimately required to forfeit such funds (whether as a result of our breach of the agreement relating to such payment or otherwise), we may not have a sufficient amount of working capital available outside of the trust account to conduct due diligence and pay other expenses related to finding a suitable business combination without securing additional financing. If we were unable to secure additional financing, we would most likely fail to consummate a business combination in the allotted time and would be forced to liquidate. In addition, if we consummate a business combination, we may require additional financing to fund the operations or growth of the target business. The failure to secure additional financing could limit the development or growth of the target business. None of our officers, directors or stockholders is required to provide any financing to us in connection with or after a business combination.

You will not be entitled to protections normally afforded to investors of blank check companies.

Since the net proceeds of this offering are intended to be used to complete a business combination with one or more target businesses that have not been identified, we may be deemed to be a blank check company under

Table of Contents

the United States securities laws. However, since we will have net tangible assets in excess of \$5,000,000 upon the successful consummation of this offering and will file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, upon consummation of this offering, including an audited balance sheet demonstrating this fact, we will be exempt from rules promulgated by the SEC to protect investors of blank check companies, such as Rule 419. Accordingly, investors will not be afforded the benefits or protections of those rules. Because we believe we will not be subject to Rule 419, our units will be immediately tradable, and we will have a longer period of time to complete a business combination in certain circumstances. For a more detailed comparison of our offering to offerings under Rule 419, see the section entitled Proposed Business Comparison to Offerings of Blank Check Companies.

If third parties bring claims against us, the proceeds held in trust could be reduced and the per-share conversion and liquidation price received by stockholders may be less than \$7.82 per share.

Our placing of funds in trust may not protect those funds from third party claims against us. Although we will seek to have vendors and service providers we engage and prospective target businesses we negotiate with, execute agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account for the benefit of our public stockholders, there is no guarantee that they will execute such agreements or, even if they execute such agreements, that they would be prevented from bringing claims against the trust account. If any third party refused to execute an agreement waiving such claims to the monies held in the trust account, we would perform an analysis of the alternatives available to us and evaluate if such engagement would be in the best interest of our stockholders. Examples of possible instances where we may engage a third party that has refused to execute a waiver include the engagement of a third party consultant whose particular expertise or skills are believed by management to be significantly superior to those of other consultants that would agree to execute a waiver or in cases where management is unable to find a provider of required services willing to provide the waiver. Accordingly, the proceeds held in trust could be subject to claims which could take priority over the claims of our public stockholders and the per-share conversion and liquidation price could be less than \$7.82, plus interest on the net proceeds held in trust (net of taxes payable and up to \$2,300,000 of interest earned on the trust account that may be released to us to fund our working capital), due to claims of such creditors. If we are unable to complete a business combination and are forced to liquidate, Mr. Venkatadri has agreed that he will be personally liable to cover claims made by target acquisitions, vendors and service providers, but only if, and to the extent, the claims reduce the amounts in the trust account available for payment to our stockholders in the event of a liquidation and the claims are made by a vendor for services rendered, or products sold, to us or by a prospective target business. However, Mr. Venkatadri will not have any personal liability as to any claimed amounts owed to a third party who executed a waiver, or as to any claims under our indemnity of the underwriters of this offering against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. Our other officers and directors have each agreed to be personally liable, severally, in accordance with their respective beneficial ownership interests in us, to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of various vendors and service providers for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to us, but only to the extent necessary to ensure that such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense does not reduce the amount in the trust account. However, we cannot assure you that they will be able to satisfy those obligations. Further, they will not be personally liable to pay debts and obligations to prospective target businesses, if a business combination is not consummated with such prospective target businesses, or for claims from any entity other than vendors and service providers. Accordingly, the proceeds held in trust could be subject to claims which could take priority over the claims of our public stockholders and the per-share conversion and liquidation price could be less than approximately \$7.82, plus interest on the net proceeds held in trust (net of taxes payable and up to \$2,300,000 of interest earned on the trust account that may be released to us to fund our working capital), due to claims of such creditors.

Additionally, if we are forced to file a bankruptcy case or an involuntary bankruptcy case is filed against us which is not dismissed, the proceeds held in the trust account could be subject to applicable bankruptcy law, and subject to the claims of third parties with priority over the claims of our stockholders. To the extent any bankruptcy claims deplete the trust account, we cannot assure you we will be able to return to our public stockholders at least \$7.82 per share.

Table of Contents

Upon distribution of the trust account, our public stockholders may be held liable for claims of third parties against us to the extent of distributions received by them.

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution. If a corporation complies with certain statutory procedures set forth in Section 280 of the Delaware General Corporation Law intended to ensure that the corporation makes reasonable provision for all claims against it, any liability of stockholders with respect to a liquidating distribution is limited to the lesser of such stockholder's pro rata share of the claim or the amount distributed to the stockholder, and any liability of the stockholder would be barred after the third anniversary of the dissolution. The procedures in Section 280 include a 60-day notice period during which any third-party claims can be brought against the corporation, a 90-day period during which the corporation may reject any claims brought, and an additional 150-day waiting period before any liquidating distributions may be made to stockholders. However, it is our intention to make liquidating distributions to our stockholders as soon as reasonably possible after dissolution and, therefore, we do not intend to comply with those procedures. Because we will not be complying with those procedures, we are required, pursuant to Section 281 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, to adopt a plan that will provide for our payment, based on facts known to us at such time, of (i) all existing claims, (ii) all pending claims and (iii) all claims that may be potentially brought against us within the subsequent 10 years. Accordingly, we would be required to provide for any creditors known to us at that time prior to distributing the funds held in the trust account to stockholders. We cannot assure you that we will properly assess all claims that may be potentially brought against us. As such, our stockholders could potentially be liable for any claims to the extent of distributions (but not more) received by them in a dissolution and any liability of our stockholders may extend well beyond the third anniversary of such dissolution. For further information on the statutory dissolution procedures, see [Proposed Business Effecting a Business Combination Liquidation if no business combination](#).

Under Delaware law, the requirements and restrictions relating to this offering contained in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may be amended, which could reduce or eliminate the protection afforded to our stockholders by such requirements and restrictions.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation sets forth certain requirements and restrictions relating to this offering that shall apply to us until the consummation of a business combination. Specifically, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides, among other things, that:

prior to the consummation of our initial business combination, we shall submit such business combination to our stockholders for approval;

we may consummate our initial business combination if: (i) it is approved by a majority of the shares of common stock voted by public stockholders, and (ii) public stockholders owning less than 25% of the shares sold in this offering exercise their conversion rights;

if our initial business combination is approved and consummated, public stockholders who voted against the business combination and exercised their conversion rights will receive their pro rata share of (i) the portion of the trust account representing the net proceeds of this offering, plus interest earned thereon not released to us, net of taxes; (ii) the deferred underwriting discounts and commissions, and (iii) the private placement proceeds; and

if a business combination is not consummated or a letter of intent, an agreement in principle or a definitive agreement is not signed within the time periods specified in this prospectus, in accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation:

our corporate purposes and powers will immediately thereupon be limited to acts and activities relating to dissolving and winding up our affairs, including liquidation, and we will not be able to engage in any other business activities;

our board of directors will be required to adopt, within 15 days thereafter, a resolution pursuant to Section 275(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law finding our dissolution advisable and

Table of Contents

provide such notices to our stockholders as required by Section 275(a) as promptly thereafter as possible; and

in the event stockholders owning a majority of our outstanding common stock approve our dissolution, we must promptly adopt a plan of distribution which provides that only the public stockholders shall be entitled to receive liquidating distributions.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation prohibits the amendment of the above-described provisions, which shall automatically terminate upon the consummation of a business combination. However, the validity of provisions prohibiting amendment of the certificate of incorporation under Delaware law has not been settled. A court could conclude that the prohibition on amendment violates the stockholders' implicit rights to amend the corporate charter. In that case, the above-described provisions would be amendable and any such amendment could reduce or eliminate the protection afforded to our stockholders. However, we view the foregoing provisions as obligations to our stockholders, and we will not take any actions to waive or amend any of these provisions.

We may issue shares of our capital stock or convertible debt securities to complete a business combination, which would reduce the equity interest of our stockholders and likely cause a change in control of our ownership.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes the issuance of up to 50,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. Immediately after this offering (assuming exercise of the representatives' unit purchase option, but no exercise of its over-allotment option, and after appropriate reservation for the issuance of shares of common stock underlying units and upon full exercise of outstanding warrants and warrants underlying units), there will be 26,100,000 authorized but unissued shares of our common stock available for issuance and all of the 5,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock available for issuance. Although we have no commitments as of the date of this offering to issue our securities, we may issue a substantial number of additional shares of our common stock or blank check preferred stock, or a combination of common and blank check preferred stock, to complete a business combination. The issuance of additional shares of our common stock or any number of shares of our blank check preferred stock:

may significantly reduce the equity interest of investors in this offering;

will likely cause a change in control if a substantial number of our shares of common stock are issued, which may affect, among other things, our ability to use our net operating loss carry forwards, if any, and most likely also result in the resignation or removal of our present officers and directors;

may reduce or limit the voting power or other rights of holders of our common stock if we issue preferred stock with dividend, liquidation, compensation or other rights superior to the common stock; and

may reduce the prevailing market prices for our common stock warrants and units.

Similarly, if we issue debt securities, it could result in:

default and foreclosure on our assets if our operating cash flow after a business combination were insufficient to pay our debt obligations;

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

acceleration of our obligations to repay the indebtedness even if we have made all principal and interest payments when due if the debt security contained covenants that required the maintenance of certain financial ratios or reserves and any such covenant were breached without a waiver or renegotiation of that covenant;

our immediate payment of all principal and accrued interest, if any, if the debt security was payable on demand; and

our inability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, if the debt security contained covenants restricting our ability to obtain additional financing while such security was outstanding. For a more

Table of Contents

complete discussion of the possible structure of a business combination, see the section entitled Proposed Business Effecting a business combination Selection of a target business and structuring of a business combination.

Company resources could be wasted in pursuing acquisitions that are not consummated.

We anticipate that the investigation of each specific target business and the negotiation, drafting, and execution of relevant agreements, disclosure documents, and other instruments will require substantial management time and attention. We could incur substantial costs for accountants, attorneys, and others payable from the funds not held in trust in connection with a business combination that is not completed and may be required to pay to the potential target business a deposit or down payment or to fund a no shop provision. Costs incurred prior to completion of a business combination, including any for any non-refundable deposit or down payment or to fund a no shop provision, may not be recoverable. Furthermore, even if an agreement is reached relating to a specific target business, we may fail to consummate the transaction for any number of reasons including those beyond our control such as that more than 24.99% of our stockholders vote against the transaction even if a majority of our stockholders approve the transaction. Any such event will result in a loss to us of the related costs incurred which could materially adversely affect subsequent attempts to locate and acquire or merge with another business.

We may have limited ability to evaluate the management of the target business.

Although we intend to closely scrutinize the management of a prospective target business in connection with evaluating the desirability of effecting a business combination, we cannot assure you that our assessment of the target businesses' management will prove to be correct. These individuals may be unfamiliar with the requirements of operating a public company, including compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, maintaining internal controls or dealing with the public markets, which could cause us to expend time and resources helping them become familiar with such laws. This could be expensive and time consuming and could lead to various regulatory issues which may adversely affect our operations.

Our officers and directors have limited or no experience in managing blank check companies which may have an adverse impact on our prospects.

Although our officers and directors have experience in consummating acquisitions and managing public companies, our officers and directors do not have experience in managing blank check companies. Such limited experience may have an adverse impact on our ability to consummate a business combination.

Our ability to successfully effect a business combination and to be successful thereafter will be totally dependent upon the efforts of our management, some of whom may join us following a business combination.

Our ability to successfully effect a business combination will be totally dependent upon the efforts of our management. The future role of our management following a business combination, however, cannot presently be fully ascertained. Although we expect several of our management and other key personnel, particularly our President and Chief Executive Officer, to remain associated with us following a business combination, we may employ other personnel following the business combination. While we intend to closely scrutinize any additional individuals we engage after a business combination, we cannot assure you that our assessment of these individuals will prove to be correct. Moreover, our current management will only be able to remain with the combined company after the consummation of a business combination if they are able to negotiate the same as part of any such combination. If we acquired a target business in an all-cash transaction, it would be more likely that

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

current members of management would remain with us if they chose to do so. If a business combination were structured as a merger whereby the stockholders of the target company were to control the combined company following a business combination, it may be less likely that management would remain with the

Table of Contents

combined company unless it was negotiated as part of the transaction via the acquisition agreement, an employment agreement or other arrangement. In making the determination as to whether current management should remain with us following the business combination, management will analyze the experience and skill set of the target business management and negotiate as part of the business combination that certain members of current management remain if it is believed that it is in the best interests of the combined company post-business combination. If management negotiates to be retained post-business combination as a condition to any potential business combination, such negotiations may result in a conflict of interest. While we intend to closely scrutinize any additional individuals we engage after a business combination, we cannot assure you that our assessment of these individuals will prove to be correct. These individuals may be unfamiliar with the requirements of operating a public company as well as United States securities laws which could cause us to have to expend time and resources helping them become familiar with such laws. This could be expensive and time-consuming and could lead to various regulatory issues which may adversely affect our operations.

If our current officers and directors allocate their time to other businesses, thereby causing conflicts of interest in their determination as to how much time to devote to our affairs, our ability to consummate a business combination could be negatively impacted.

Our current officers and directors are not required to commit their full time to our affairs, which may result in a conflict of interest in allocating their time between our operations and other businesses. We do not intend to have any full time employees prior to the consummation of a business combination. Each of our officers is engaged in several other business endeavors and are not obligated to contribute any specific number of hours per week to our affairs, although we expect our officers and directors and special advisor to balance their other affairs and devote sufficient time to our affairs as they deem necessary to achieve our business objective and consummate a business combination. Mr. Venkatadri serves as part-time President to a life sciences company and part-time as a General Partner to an India fund manager, and is the only officer of the company actively employed. Our directors and special advisor to the board of directors are all engaged in several other endeavors, including in financial, investment, advisor and principal capacities, but not as active employees in life sciences companies. For example, the agreement with our special advisor Rasheed Yar Khan acknowledges his other commitments, which include acting as a fund manager to the Saudi Economic Development Corporation. If our officers other business affairs require them to devote substantial amounts of time to such affairs, it could limit their ability to devote time to our affairs and could have a negative impact on our ability to consummate a business combination. For a complete discussion of occupations and business affairs of our officers, directors and special advisor and the potential conflicts of interest that you should be aware of, see the section below entitled Management.

Our officers and directors may in the future become affiliated with entities engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by us and, accordingly, may have conflicts of interest in determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented.

Although none of our officers, directors or affiliates have previously been associated with any blank check companies, our officers and directors may in the future become affiliated with entities, including other blank check companies, engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by us. Additionally, our officers and directors may become aware of business opportunities which may be appropriate for presentation to us as well as the other entities with which they are or may be affiliated. Further, certain of our officers and directors are currently involved in venture capital fund businesses. Due to these existing affiliations, they may have fiduciary obligations to present potential business opportunities to those entities prior to presenting them to us which could cause additional conflicts of interest. Accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented. For a complete discussion of our management s business affiliations and the potential conflicts of interest that you should be aware of, see the sections entitled Management Directors and Officers and Management Conflicts of Interest. We cannot assure you that these conflicts will be resolved in our favor.

Table of Contents

All of our officers and directors own shares of our common stock which will not participate in liquidation distributions and, therefore, they may have a conflict of interest in determining whether or not a particular target business is appropriate for a business combination.

All of our officers and directors and their respective affiliates own shares of our common stock that were issued in connection with our formation as to which they have waived their right to receive distributions upon our liquidation or failure to complete a business combination. Additionally, certain of our officers and directors and their affiliates, our special advisor and Trans-India Investors Limited have agreed to purchase an aggregate of 200,000 units in private placements that will occur immediately prior to this offering and have waived their liquidation rights with respect to the shares included in such units. The securities owned by our officers and directors and their affiliates will be worthless if we do not consummate a business combination. The personal and financial interests of our officers and directors may influence their motivation in identifying and selecting a target business and completing a business combination in a timely manner. Consequently, our directors' and officers' discretion in identifying and selecting a suitable target business may result in a conflict of interest when determining whether the terms, conditions and timing of a particular business combination are appropriate and in our public stockholders' best interest.

Our officers and directors will not receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them to the extent that such expenses exceed the available funds outside the trust account, unless the business combination is consummated and, therefore, they may have a conflict of interest in determining whether or not a particular target business is appropriate for a business combination and in the public stockholders' best interest.

Our officers and directors will not receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them to the extent that such expenses exceed the available funds held outside the trust account and the portion of the interest earned on the trust account released to us (which, because interest rates are unknown, may be insufficient to fund all of our working capital requirements) unless the business combination is consummated. The personal and financial interests of our officers and directors could influence their motivation in selecting a target business and, thus, there may be a conflict of interest when determining whether or not a particular business combination is in the stockholders' best interest.

The representatives of the underwriters will have the right to acquire units pursuant to the representatives' unit purchase option issuable upon consummation of this offering and I-Bankers Securities, Inc. may have a conflict of interest in determining whether or not to consent to our redemption of outstanding warrants.

The representatives of the underwriters will be issued a unit purchase option to acquire 500,000 units (5% of the units being offered) in the aggregate, including 500,000 warrants, upon consummation of this offering. Since we may redeem the warrants only with the prior consent of I-Bankers Securities, Inc., as representative of the underwriters, which firm may also hold warrants subject to redemption, I-Bankers Securities, Inc. may have a conflict of interest in determining whether or not to consent to such redemption. We cannot assure you that I-Bankers Securities, Inc. will consent to such redemption if it is not in its best interest even if it is in our best interest.

If we complete a business combination that involves a target business focused on pharmaceutical compounds or biotechnology therapeutics or diagnostics, we may not be able to commercialize our product candidates.

Before obtaining regulatory approval for the sale of drug product candidates, pharmaceutical and biotechnology therapeutic and diagnostic companies must conduct, at their own expense, extensive preclinical tests and clinical trials to demonstrate the safety and efficacy in humans of their product candidates. Preclinical and clinical testing is expensive, is difficult to design and implement, necessarily involves substantial

cooperation with and reliance on third parties, can take many years to complete and is uncertain as to outcome. Success in preclinical testing and early clinical trials does not ensure that later clinical trials will be successful,

Table of Contents

and interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. A failure of one or more clinical trials can occur at any stage of testing.

Our failure to obtain and maintain regulatory approval for a product candidate following a business combination will prevent us from commercializing it. Product candidates and the activities associated with their development and commercialization, including their testing, manufacture, safety, efficacy, recordkeeping, labeling, storage, approval, advertising, promotion, sale and distribution, will be subject to comprehensive regulation by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, and other United States regulatory agencies and by comparable authorities in other countries. Securing approval requires the submission of extensive preclinical and clinical data, information about product manufacturing processes and inspection of facilities and supporting information for each therapeutic indication to establish the product candidate's safety and efficacy. Varying interpretations of the data obtained from preclinical and clinical testing could delay, limit or prevent regulatory approval of a product candidate. The process of obtaining and maintaining regulatory approvals may vary and involves substantial regulatory discretion, is expensive, and often takes many years, if approval is obtained at all.

We may also have to rely on third parties for the production of clinical and commercial quantities of drug product candidates. There may be a limited number of manufacturers operating under the FDA's current Good Manufacturing Practices, or GMP, regulations that will be both capable of manufacturing our future products and willing to do so. These manufacturers will be subject to inspection to ensure strict compliance with GMP regulations and other governmental regulations and corresponding foreign standards. We can not be certain that our manufacturers will be able to comply with these regulations and standards and we will not control their compliance, while we will risk regulatory sanctions, liabilities and penalties if they fail to comply. Our dependence upon others for the manufacture of product candidates and products may adversely affect our future profits and our ability, on a timely and competitive basis, both to develop product candidates and to commercialize any products that receive regulatory approval.

Following a business combination, we may be liable to our clients for damages caused by disclosure of confidential information or system failures.

Following a business combination, we may have access to, or may be required to collect and store, confidential client and customer data in connection with the acquired business. Following a business combination, many of our client agreements may not limit our potential liability for breaches of confidentiality. If any person, including any of our employees, penetrates our network security or misappropriates sensitive data, we could be subject to significant liability from our clients or from our clients' customers for breaching contractual confidentiality provisions or privacy laws. Following a business combination, unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential client and customer data, whether through breach of our computer systems, systems failure or otherwise, could damage our reputation and cause us to lose clients.

If our common stock becomes subject to the penny stock rules promulgated by the SEC, broker dealers may experience difficulty in completing customer transactions and trading activity in our securities may be adversely affected.

If at any time we have net tangible assets of \$5,000,000 or less and our common stock has a market price per share of less than \$5.00, transactions in our common stock may be subject to the penny stock rules promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Under these rules, broker-dealers who recommend such securities to persons other than institutional accredited investors must:

make a special written suitability determination for the purchaser;

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

receive the purchaser's written agreement to a transaction prior to sale;

provide the purchaser with risk disclosure documents that identify certain risks associated with investing in penny stocks and which describe the market for these penny stocks as well as a purchaser's legal remedies; and

Table of Contents

obtain a signed and dated acknowledgment from the purchaser demonstrating that the purchaser has actually received the required risk disclosure document before a transaction in a penny stock can be completed.

If our common stock becomes subject to these rules, broker-dealers may find it difficult to effectuate customer transactions and trading activity in our securities may be adversely affected. As a result, the market price of our securities may be depressed, and you may find it more difficult to sell our securities.

Risks Related to Operations in India

Acquisitions of companies with operations in India entail special considerations and risks. If we are successful in acquiring a target business with operations in India, we will be subject to, and possibly adversely affected by, the following risks:

Political, economic, social and other factors in India may adversely affect our ability to achieve our business objective.

Our ability to achieve our business objectives may be adversely affected by political, economic, social and religious factors, changes in Indian law or regulations and the status of India's relations with other countries. In addition, the economy of India may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as the rate of growth of gross domestic product, the rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. According to the World Factbook published by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (updated as of September 7, 2006), the Indian government has exercised and continues to exercise significant influence over many aspects of the economy, and privatization of government-owned industries proceeds at a slow pace. Accordingly, Indian government actions in the future could have a significant effect on the Indian economy, which could have a material adverse affect on our ability to achieve our business objective.

According to a published lecture on April 27, 2005 by Shri Montek S. Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of the High Commission of India, London, an agency of the Indian Government, India has seen major changes in economic policies over the past two decades, which will help it to perform more effectively in a globalising world. These policy changes have included the liberalization of the extensive government controls, which existed on private investment and technology and the easing of access to foreign technology and foreign investment. In addition, the Indian government has directed the lowering of import duties, removal of quantitative restrictions on imports and the liberalization of foreign direct investment. In the 1990s a process of financial reforms began, which were aimed at introducing greater competition and tightening prudential norms in the banking sector, stock exchanges and capital market institutions and the insurance sector. These reforms were accompanied by efforts to strengthen institutions appropriate for the functioning of a market economy, including an independent judiciary and the rule of law, the prevalence of acceptable accounting standards, functioning stock exchanges and corporate practices. While the government's policies have resulted in improved economic performance, we cannot assure you that the economic recovery will be sustained. Moreover, we cannot assure you that these economic reforms will persist, and that any newly elected government will continue the program of economic liberalization of previous governments. Any change may adversely affect Indian laws and policies with respect to foreign investment and currency exchange. Such changes in economic policies could negatively affect the general business and economic conditions in India, which could in turn affect us and our ability to achieve our business objective.

According to the World Factbook, religious and border disputes persist in India and remain pressing problems. For example, India has from time to time experienced civil unrest and hostilities with neighboring countries such as Pakistan. The longstanding dispute with Pakistan over the border Indian states of Jammu and Kashmir, a majority of whose population is Muslim, remains unresolved. If the Indian government is unable to control the violence and disruption associated with these tensions, the results could destabilize the economy and, consequently, adversely affect us and our ability to achieve our business objective.

Table of Contents

Since early 2003, there have also been military hostilities and civil unrest in Afghanistan, Iraq and other nearby countries. These events could adversely influence the Indian economy and, as a result, negatively affect us and our ability to achieve our business objective.

Exchange controls that exist in India may limit our ability to utilize our cash flow effectively following a business combination.

Following a business combination, we will be subject to India's rules and regulations on currency conversion. In India, the Foreign Exchange Management Act or FEMA, regulates the conversion of the Indian rupee into foreign currencies. FEMA provisions previously imposed restrictions on locally incorporated companies with foreign equity holdings in excess of 40% known as FEMA companies. Following a business combination, we will likely be a FEMA company as a result of our ownership structure. However, comprehensive amendments have been made to FEMA to add strength to the liberalizations announced in their recent economic policies. Such companies are now permitted to operate in India without any special restrictions, effectively placing them on par with domestic Indian companies. In addition, foreign exchange controls have been substantially relaxed. The Indian foreign exchange market, however, is not yet fully developed and we cannot assure you that the Indian authorities will not revert back to regulating FEMA companies. FEMA may also impose new restrictions on the convertibility of the rupee. Any future restrictions on currency exchanges may limit our ability to use our cash flow for the distribution of dividends to our shareholders or to fund operations we may have outside of India.

Returns on investment in Indian companies may be decreased by withholding and other taxes.

Our investments in India will incur tax risk unique to investment in India and in developing economies in general. Income that might otherwise not be subject to withholding of local income tax under normal international conventions may be subject to withholding of Indian income tax. Under treaties with India and under local Indian income tax law, income is generally sourced in India and subject to Indian tax if paid from India. This is true whether or not the services or the earning of the income would normally be considered as from sources outside India in other contexts. Additionally, proof of payment of withholding taxes may be required as part of the remittance procedure. Any withholding taxes paid by us on income from our investments in India may or may not be creditable on our income tax returns.

We intend to avail ourselves of income tax treaties with India following a business combination to seek to minimize any Indian withholding tax or local tax otherwise imposed. However, we cannot assure you that the Indian tax authorities will recognize application of such treaties to achieve a minimization of Indian tax. We may also elect to create one or more foreign subsidiaries to effect the business combination to attempt to limit the potential tax consequences of a business combination.

Certain sectors of the Indian economy are subject to government regulations that limit foreign ownership, which may adversely affect our ability to achieve our business objective which is to acquire one or more operating businesses with primary operations in India.

The Indian government prohibits investments in certain sectors and limits the ownership of entities in certain other sectors. We intend to avoid sectors in which foreign investment is disallowed. This could limit the possible number of acquisitions that are available. The Indian government also regulates investments in certain other sectors (e.g. banking) by increasing the required amount of Indian ownership over time. We will evaluate the risk associated with investments in sectors in which ownership is restricted. However, we cannot assure you that management will be correct in its assessment of political and policy risks associated with investments in general and in particular in sectors that are regulated by the Indian government. Any changes in policy could have an adverse impact on our ability to achieve our business objective.

Table of Contents

If the relevant Indian authorities find us or the target business with which we ultimately complete a business combination to be in violation of any existing or future Indian laws or regulations, they would have broad discretion in dealing with such a violation, including, without limitation:

levying fines;

revoking our business and other licenses; and

requiring that we restructure our ownership or operations.

Because the Indian judiciary will determine the scope and enforcement under Indian law of almost all of our target business material agreements, we may be unable to enforce our rights inside and outside of India.

Indian law can be expected to govern almost all of our target business material agreements, some of which may be with Indian governmental agencies. We cannot assure you that the target business will be able to enforce any of their material agreements or that remedies will be available outside of India. The system of laws and the enforcement of existing laws in India may not be as certain in implementation and interpretation as in the United States. The Indian government may be inexperienced in enforcing corporate and commercial law, leading to a higher than usual degree of uncertainty as to the outcome of any litigation. The inability to enforce or obtain a remedy under any of our future agreements could result in a significant loss of business, business opportunities or capital.

The commercial success of any products under development by a target business we acquire will depend upon product superiority and sales and marketing efforts that together successfully generate continuing market acceptance by physicians, patients, healthcare payors and others in the medical community.

Any products or services that we bring to the market following a business combination may not gain market acceptance by physicians, patients, healthcare payors and others in the medical community, unless they offer superior therapeutic or diagnostic benefits and safety that are communicated through effective sales and marketing efforts. If we do not achieve such acceptance, we may not generate material new product revenues or profits. Moreover, the healthcare industry is intensely competitive, and we will face competition with respect to current and future products, such that any market acceptance we do achieve will be subject to continual threat, including from market participants with substantially greater resources.

Wage pressures in India may prevent an acquired company from sustaining a competitive advantage and may reduce its profit margins.

Wage costs in India have historically been significantly lower than wage costs in the United States and Europe for comparably skilled professionals, which we expect will be one of the competitive strengths of a company we acquire. However, if, following a business combination, wages for skilled professionals increase in India due to increasing competition, we may not be able to sustain this competitive advantage, which could negatively affect profit margins. In addition, we may need to increase the levels of an acquired company's employee compensation to remain competitive with other employers, or seek to recruit in other low labor cost areas to keep its wage costs low. Compensation increases may result in decreased profitability of a company we acquire.

India has different corporate disclosure, governance and regulatory requirements than those in the United States which may make it more difficult or complex to consummate a business combination.

Companies in India are subject to accounting, auditing, regulatory and financial standards and requirements that differ, in some cases significantly, from those applicable to public companies in the United States, which may make it more difficult or complex to consummate a business combination. In particular, the assets and

Table of Contents

profits appearing on the financial statements of an Indian company may not reflect its financial position or results of operations in the way they would be reflected had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principals, or GAAP. Moreover, companies in India are subject to a different regulatory scheme than United States companies with respect to such matters as insider trading rules, tender offer regulation, shareholder proxy requirements and the timely disclosure of information. Accordingly, appropriate adjustments to the financial statements of an Indian company may be required in order to appropriately determine the underlying valuation of the Indian company.

Legal principles relating to corporate affairs and the validity of corporate procedures, directors' fiduciary duties and liabilities and shareholders' rights for Indian corporations may differ from those that may apply in the United States, which may make the consummation of a business combination with an Indian company more difficult than a business combination with a company based in the United States.

The requirement that Indian companies provide accounting statements that are in compliance with United States GAAP may limit the potential number of acquisition targets.

To meet the requirements of the United States Federal securities laws, in order to seek stockholder approval of a business combination, a proposed target business will be required to have financial statements which are prepared in accordance with, or which can be reconciled to, GAAP and audited in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, or GAAS. GAAP and GAAS compliance may limit the potential number of acquisition targets.

Foreign currency fluctuations could cause a business combination to be more expensive.

Because our business objective is to acquire one or more operating businesses with primary operations in India, changes in the U.S. dollar-Indian rupee exchange rate may affect our ability to achieve such objective. The exchange rate between the Indian rupee and the U.S. dollar has changed substantially in the last two decades and may fluctuate substantially in the future. If the U.S. dollar declines in value against the Indian rupee, any business combination will be more expensive and therefore more difficult to complete. Furthermore, we may incur costs in connection with conversions between United States dollars and Indian rupees, which may make it more difficult to consummate a business combination.

If political relations between the United States and India weaken, it could make a target business' operations less attractive.

The relationship between the United States and India may deteriorate over time. Changes in political conditions in India and changes in the state of Indian-United States relations are difficult to predict and could result in restrictions on our future operations or cause potential target businesses to become less attractive. This could lead to a decline in our profitability following a business combination.

The laws of India may not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as those of the United States, and we may be unsuccessful in protecting intellectual property rights following a business combination and may also be subject to third party claims of intellectual property infringement.

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

The one or more businesses we acquire will likely rely on a combination of patent, copyright, trademark and design laws, trade secrets, confidentiality procedures and contractual provisions to protect its intellectual property. However, the laws of India may not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as laws in the United States. Therefore, efforts to protect such intellectual property may not be adequate. Furthermore, competitors may independently develop similar technology or duplicate its products or services. Unauthorized parties may infringe upon or misappropriate its products, services or proprietary information.

Table of Contents

Risks Associated with this Offering

Our existing stockholders paid an aggregate of \$20,000, or approximately \$0.008 per unit, for their initial common stock and warrants and, accordingly, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution from the purchase of our units.

The difference between the public offering price per share of our common stock and the pro forma net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering and the private placements constitutes the dilution to you and the other investors in this offering. The fact that our existing stockholders acquired their initial shares of common stock at a nominal price has significantly contributed to this dilution. Assuming the offering and the private placements are completed, you and the other new investors will incur an immediate and substantial dilution of approximately 31.8% or \$2.54 per share (the difference between the pro forma net tangible book value per share of \$5.46 and the initial offering price of \$8.00 per unit).

Our outstanding warrants may substantially reduce the market price of our common stock and make it more difficult to effect a business combination.

In connection with this offering and the private placements, we will be issuing warrants to purchase shares of our common stock. Following the offering, there will be 10,200,000 warrants, or 11,700,000 warrants if the underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in full. To the extent we issue shares of common stock to effect a business combination, the potential for the issuance of substantial numbers of additional shares upon exercise of these warrants could make us a less attractive acquisition vehicle in the eyes of a target business as such securities, when exercised, will increase the number of issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and may reduce the value of the shares issued to complete the business combination. Accordingly, our warrants may make it more difficult to effectuate a business combination or increase the cost of the target business. Additionally, the sale, or even the possibility of sale, of the shares underlying the warrants could substantially reduce the market price for our securities or affect our ability to obtain future public financing. If and to the extent these warrants and options are exercised, you may experience dilution to your holdings.

The warrants are redeemable upon short notice, which will require you to exercise the warrants or receive the redemption price of \$0.01 per warrant.

We have the ability to redeem outstanding warrants with the prior consent of I-Bankers Securities, Inc. upon 30 days prior notice at any time after they become exercisable and prior to their expiration, at a price of \$0.01 per warrant, provided that the last reported sales price of the common stock equals or exceeds \$11.50 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading-day period ending on the third business day prior to proper notice of such redemption. Such redemption would force you to exercise your warrants on short notice or accept the redemption price of \$0.01 per warrant.

An effective registration statement or a current prospectus may not be in place when an investor desires to exercise warrants or the warrants are redeemed, thus precluding such investor from being able to exercise his, her or its warrants.

No warrants will be exercisable and we will not be obligated to issue shares of common stock unless, at the time a holder seeks to exercise, we have registered with the SEC the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants and a prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is current. Under the terms of the warrant agreement, we have agreed to use our reasonable best efforts to

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

meet these conditions and to maintain a current prospectus relating to common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants until the expiration of the warrants. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so. Additionally, we have no obligation to settle the warrants for cash in the absence of an effective registration statement or under any other circumstances. The warrants may be deprived of any value, the market for the warrants may be limited and the holders of warrants may not be able to exercise their warrants if the common

Table of Contents

stock is not registered with the SEC or if the prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants is not current. Consequently, the warrants may expire unexercised or if redeemed at such time would be practically worthless.

If our existing stockholders exercise their registration rights, it may substantially reduce the market price of our units, common stock and warrants, and the existence of these rights may make it more difficult to effect a business combination.

Our existing stockholders are entitled to demand that we register the resale of their initial securities, including units, shares of common stock and warrants, and shares of common stock underlying such securities, at any time after the date on which their securities are released from escrow, which will be upon consummation of a business combination. If our existing stockholders exercise their registration rights with respect to all of their securities, then there would be up to an additional 2,900,000 shares of common stock (which amount includes 2,500,000 shares of our common stock, 200,000 shares of common stock underlying the private placement units and 200,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants included in such units) eligible for trading in the public market. The presence of this additional number of securities eligible for trading in the public market may substantially reduce the market price of our securities. In addition, the existence of these rights may make it more difficult to effectuate a business combination, or increase the cost of the target business, since the stockholders of the target business may be discouraged from entering into a business combination with us or request a higher price for their securities as a result of these registration rights, and the potential future effect their exercise may have on the trading market for our securities.

There is currently no market for our securities, and a market for our securities may not develop, which could limit the liquidity and price of our securities.

There is no market for our securities. Therefore, stockholders should be aware that they cannot benefit from information about prior market history as to their decisions to invest, which means they are at further risk if they invest. In addition, the price of the securities, after the offering, can vary due to general economic conditions and forecasts, our general business condition and the release of our financial reports. Furthermore, an active trading market for our securities may never develop or, if developed, it may not be maintained. Investors may be unable to sell their securities unless a market can be established or maintained.

We have substantial discretion as to how to spend the proceeds of this offering which are outside of the trust.

Our management has broad discretion as to how to spend the proceeds of this offering which are held outside of the trust account and any interest earned on the trust account released to us and may spend these proceeds in ways with which our stockholders may not agree. If we choose to invest some of the proceeds held outside of the trust account, we cannot predict that investment of the proceeds will yield a favorable return, if any.

If we are deemed to be an investment company, we may be required to institute burdensome compliance requirements, and our activities may be restricted, which may make it more difficult for us to complete a business combination or operate over the near term or long term in our intended manner.

If we are deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, our activities may be restricted, including:

restrictions on the nature of our investments; and

restrictions on the issuance of securities, which may make it difficult for us to complete a business combination.

Table of Contents

In addition, we may have imposed upon us burdensome requirements, including:

registration as an investment company;

adoption of a specific form of corporate structure; and

reporting, record keeping, voting, proxy and disclosure requirements and other rules and regulations.

We do not believe that our anticipated principal activities will subject us to the Investment Company Act of 1940. To this end, the proceeds held in trust may only be invested by the trustee in Treasury Bills issued by the United States with maturity dates of 180 days or less or in money market funds meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940. However, this offering is not intended for persons who are seeking a return on investments in government securities. The escrow account and the purchase of government securities for the account is intended as a holding place for funds pending the earlier to occur of either (i) the consummation of our primary business objective, which is a business combination, or (ii) absent a business combination, our dissolution and return of the funds held in this account.

In addition, if we do not complete a business combination within 18 months after the consummation of this offering, or within 24 months after the consummation of this offering if the extension criteria have been satisfied, our certificate of incorporation (a) provides that our corporate powers will automatically thereafter be limited to acts and activities relating to dissolving and winding up our affairs, including liquidation, and (b) requires that our board of directors within 15 days adopt a resolution finding our dissolution advisable and provide notice as soon as possible thereafter of a special meeting of stockholders to vote on our dissolution. Inasmuch as we cannot assure you that our stockholders will approve our dissolution in a timely manner or ever approve our dissolution so that we can liquidate and distribute the funds in the trust account to public stockholders, we may nevertheless be deemed to be an investment company. If we were deemed to be subject to that act, compliance with these additional regulatory burdens would require additional expense for which we have not budgeted.

The American Stock Exchange may delist our securities from trading on its exchange which could limit investors' ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.

Our securities have been approved for listing on the American Stock Exchange, a national securities exchange, subject to official notice of listing. Once listed, we cannot assure you that our securities will continue to be listed on the American Stock Exchange in the future prior to a business combination. Additionally, in connection with our business combination, it is likely that the American Stock Exchange may require us to file a new initial listing application and meet its initial listing requirements as opposed to its more lenient continued listing requirements. We cannot assure you that we will be able to meet those initial listing requirements at that time.

If the American Stock Exchange delists our securities from trading on its exchange, we could face significant material adverse consequences including:

a limited availability of market quotations for our securities;

Edgar Filing: TRANS-INDIA ACQUISITION CORP - Form S-1/A

a determination that our common stock is a penny stock which will require brokers trading in our common stock to adhere to more stringent rules and possibly resulting in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our common stock;

a limited amount of news and analyst coverage for our company; and

a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

Our directors may not be considered independent under the policies of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

No salary or other compensation will be paid to our directors for services rendered by them on our behalf prior to or in connection with a business combination. Accordingly, we believe our non-executive directors

Table of Contents

would be considered independent as that term is commonly used. However, under the policies of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., an international organization devoted to investor protection, because each of our directors own shares of our securities and may receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with activities on our behalf (such as identifying potential target businesses and performing due diligence on suitable business combinations), state securities administrators could argue that all of such individuals are not independent. If this were the case, they would take the position that we would not have the benefit of any independent directors examining the propriety of expenses incurred on our behalf and subject to reimbursement. Additionally, there is no limit on the amount of out-of-pocket expenses that could be incurred and there will be no review of the reasonableness of the expenses by anyone other than our board of directors, which would include persons who may seek reimbursement, or a court of competent jurisdiction if such reimbursement is challenged. Although we believe that all actions taken by our directors on our behalf will be in our best interests, whether or not they are deemed to be independent, we cannot assure you that this will actually be the case. If actions are taken, or expenses are incurred that are actually not in our best interests, it could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations, and a material adverse effect on the prices of our securities held by public stockholders.

Because our existing stockholders initial equity investment for their initial shares was only \$20,000, our offering may be disallowed by state administrators that follow the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. Statement of Policy on development stage companies.

Pursuant to the Statement of Policy Regarding Promoter s Equity Investment promulgated by The North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., any state administrator may disallow an offering of a development stage company if the initial equity investment by a company s promoters does not equal a certain percentage of the aggregate public offering price. Our promoters initial investment of \$20,000 for their initial shares is less than the required \$2,110,000 minimum amount pursuant to this policy. Accordingly, a state administrator would have the discretion to disallow our offering if it wanted to. We cannot assure you that our offering would not be disallowed pursuan