April 1, 2022

Tao Xu Chief Financial Officer KE Holdings Inc. Oriental Electronic Technology Building No. 2 Chuangye Road, Haidian District Beijing 1000086 People's Republic of China

Re: KE Holdings Inc. Form 20-F for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

Filed April 6, 2021 File No. 001-39436

Dear Mr. Xu:

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{We}}$$ have reviewed your February 17, 2022 response to our comment letter and have the

following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

so we may better understand your disclosure.

 $\hbox{Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested} \\$

information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our

comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

 $\label{eq:After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional$

comments. Unless we note otherwise, our references to prior comments are to comments in our

December 17, 2021 letter.

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Explanatory Note, page 1

1. Please disclose in the explanatory note, if true, that these contracts with the variable interest entities have

not been tested in court

2. We note your response to our prior comment 9. Please revise the last sentence of the proposed disclosure to make clear whether these risks could cause the value of your securities to significantly decline or be worthless. Your disclosure should address how recent statements and regulatory actions by China s government, such as those related to the use of variable

interest entities and data security or anti-monopoly concerns, have or Tao Xu

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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ may impact the company $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ s ability to conduct its business, accept foreign investments, or

list on a U.S. or other foreign exchange. Please expand disclosure at the outset of Part I to

state whether your auditor is subject to the determinations announced by the PCAOB on $\,$

December 16, 2021 and whether and how the Holding Foreign Companies $\mbox{Accountable}$

Act and related regulations will affect your company.

3. We note your response to our prior comment 10. Please also refrain from using terms such

as $\,$ our VIE contractual arrangements $\,$ when describing activities or functions of the VIE.

 $\,$ In that regard, please ensure consistent references to the VIE throughout your filing.

Item 3. Key Information, page 4

4. We note the revisions made in response to comment 1 and we reissue. We note your

disclosure that the Cayman Islands holding company controls and receives the economic $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1$

benefits of the VIE $\,\,$ s business operations through contractual agreements between the VIE $\,\,$

and your Wholly Foreign-Owned Enterprise (WFOE) and that those agreements are $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1$

designed to provide your WFOE with the power, rights, and obligations equivalent in all

material respects to those it would possess as the principal equity holder of the VIE. We $\,$

also note your disclosure that the Cayman Islands holding company is the primary $\,$

beneficiary of the VIE. However, neither the investors in the holding company nor the $\,$

holding company itself have an equity ownership in, direct foreign investment in, or

control of, through such ownership or investment, the VIE.

Accordingly, please refrain

from implying that the contractual agreements are equivalent to equity ownership in the $\,$

business of the VIE. Any references to control or benefits that accrue to you because of

the VIE should be limited to a clear description of the conditions you have satisfied for $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +$

consolidation of the VIE under U.S. GAAP. Additionally, your disclosure should clarify

that you are the primary beneficiary of the VIE for accounting purposes. Please also

disclose, if true, that the VIE agreements have not been tested in a court of law.

5. Please provide early in this section a diagram of the company s corporate structure,

identifying the person or entity that owns the equity in each depicted entity. Describe all

contracts and arrangements through which you claim to have economic rights and exercise

control that results in consolidation of the VIE $\,\,$ s operations and financial results into your

 $\,$ financial statements. Describe the relevant contractual agreements between the entities

and how this type of corporate structure may affect investors and the value of their

investment, including how and why the contractual arrangements may be less effective

than direct ownership and that the company may incur substantial costs to enforce the

terms of the arrangements. Disclose the uncertainties regarding the status of the rights of

the Cayman Islands holding company with respect to its contractual arrangements with the $\,$

 $\mbox{\sc VIE,}$ its founders and owners, and the challenges the company may face enforcing these

contractual agreements due to legal uncertainties and jurisdictional limits.

6. We reissue comment 3. Disclose in this section each permission or approval that you,

your subsidiaries, or the VIEs are required to obtain from Chinese authorities to offer the $\,$

securities to foreign investors. State whether you, your subsidiaries, or VIEs are covered $\,$

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by permissions requirements from the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC),

required to approve the VIE $\,\,$ s operations and state affirmatively whether you have

received all requisite permissions or approvals and whether any permissions or approvals

have been denied. Please also describe the consequences to you and your investors if you, $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +$

your subsidiaries, or the VIEs do not receive or maintain such permissions or approvals.

7. We note your response to our prior comment 4. Please ensure that amounts included in

this disclosure can be cross-referenced to the condensed consolidating schedule and the $\,$

consolidated financial statements. Further, please include this information with the $\,$

disclosures to be provided at both the outset of Item 3 and also the outset of Part I.

8. We have further considered your response to our prior comment 5 issued in our letter

dated September 20, 2021 and reflected in your correspondence dated October 25, 2021 $\,$

where you proposed to provide financial information related to the $\hspace{.05cm}$ VIEs in tabular format.

Please revise such information further to present the WFOEs that are the primary $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

beneficiaries of the VIEs in a separate column, and describe the intercompany activities

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VIE transacts with the WFOE and how the WFOE transacts with the parent.

D. Risk Factors, page 8

9. We note your disclosure about the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act. Please

 $\,$ expand your risk factors to disclose that the United States Senate has passed the

Accelerating Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act, which, if enacted, would

decrease the number of "non-inspection years" from three years to two years, and thus,

would reduce the time before your securities may be prohibited from trading or delisted.

Update your disclosure to reflect that the Commission adopted rules to implement the

 ${\tt HFCAA}$ and that, pursuant to the ${\tt HFCAA},$ the PCAOB has issued its report notifying the

Commission of its determination that it is unable to inspect or investigate completely

accounting firms headquartered in mainland China or Hong Kong.

10. Disclose the risks that being based in or having the majority of the company s operations

in China poses to investors. For example, specifically discuss the risk that the rules and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

regulations in China can change quickly with little advance notice; and the risk that the $\,$

Chinese government may intervene or influence your operations at any time, which could

result in a material change in your operations and/or the value of the securities you are $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +$

registering for sale.

General

11. We note that many of your officers and directors are located outside of the United States.

Please include a separate section on enforcement of liabilities addressing the ability of

shareholders to enforce their legal rights under United States securities laws. Please also

revise the risk factor on page 42 to expand upon this risk.

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You may contact Babette Cooper, Staff Accountant, at 202-551-3396 or Wilson Lee,

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