



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mailstop 3233

July 19, 2017

Via E-mail

Kathleen Chien  
Chief Operating Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer  
51job, Inc.  
Building 3  
No. 1387, Zhang Dong Road  
Shanghai 201203  
People's Republic of China

**Re: 51job, Inc.  
Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended  
December 31, 2016  
Filed March 31, 2017  
File No. 000-50841**

Dear Ms. Chien:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert F. Telewicz, Jr.

Robert F. Telewicz, Jr.  
Accounting Branch Chief  
Office of Real Estate and  
Commodities