

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

October 3, 2022

Mingjun Lin Chief Executive Officer Kaixin Auto Holdings 9/F, Tower A, Dongjin International Center Huagong Road Chaoyang District, Beijing 100015 People's Republic of China

Re: Kaixin Auto Holdings
Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form F-3
Filed September 14, 2022
File No. 333-258450

Dear Mingjun Lin:

We have reviewed your amended registration statement and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments. Unless we note otherwise, our references to prior comments are to comments in our August 12, 2022 letter.

Registration Statement on Form F-3

Prospectus Summary, page 1

1. We note your amended disclosure in response to comment 5. Please amend the prospectus summary and summary risk factors to state that to the extent cash or assets in the business are in the PRC/Hong Kong or a PRC/Hong Kong entity, funds or assets may not be available to fund operations or for other use outside of the PRC/Hong Kong due to interventions in or the imposition of restrictions and limitations on the ability of the holding company, its subsidiaries, or the consolidated VIEs by the PRC government to transfer cash or assets.

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2. We note your amended disclosure in response to comment 13 and reissue in part. We note that you do not appear to have relied upon an opinion of counsel with respect to your conclusions that you do not need any permissions and approvals to operate your business. If true, state as much and explain why such an opinion was not obtained.

Please contact Alyssa Wall at 202-551-8106 or Jennifer López Molina at 202-551-3792 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Trade & Services

cc: Ying Li