December 23, 2021

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Re: STUDIO CITY

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Registration

Statement on Form F-3

Filed November 30,

2021

File No. 333-261406

Dear Mr. Benning:

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{We}}$ have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have

addressed in our 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.

 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{ After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you}$

provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Registration Statement on Form F-3 filed November 30, 2021

Cover Page

1. Please disclose prominently on the prospectus cover page that you are not a Chinese operating company but a Cayman Islands holding company with operations conducted by your subsidiaries and through contractual arrangements with a variable interest entity (VIE) based in China and that this structure involves unique risks to investors. If true, disclose that these contracts have not been tested in court. Explain whether the VIE structure is used to provide investors with exposure to foreign investment in China-based companies where Chinese law prohibits direct foreign investment in the operating

companies, and disclose

that investors may never hold equity interests in the Chinese

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operating company. Your disclosure should acknowledge that Chinese regulatory $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1$

authorities could disallow this structure, which would likely result in a material change in

your operations and/or value of your common stock and ADSs, including that it could

cause the value of such securities to significantly decline or become worthless. Provide a $\,$

cross-reference to your detailed discussion of risks facing the company and the offering as a result of this structure. Provide prominent disclosure about the legal and operational risks associated with being based in or having the majority of the company s operations in China, Hong Kong, and Macau. Your disclosure should make clear whether these risks could result in a material change in your or the target company s post-combination operations and/or the value of your common stock and ADSs or could significantly limit or completely hinder your ability to offer or continue to offer securities to investors and cause the value of such 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, has or may impact the company s ability to conduct its business, accept foreign investments, or list on an U.S. or other foreign exchange. Please disclose whether your auditor is subject whether and how the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act and related regulations will affect your company. Prospectus summary should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the risks highlighted on the prospectus cover page. Clearly disclose how you will refer to the holding company, subsidiaries, and any VIEs providing the

to the determinations announced by the PCAOB on December 16, 2021 and

you may utilize to conduct business in China, Macau, or Hong Kong when

disclosure throughout the document so that it is clear to investors which entity the

disclosure is referencing and which subsidiaries or entities are conducting the business

operations. Please also Refrain from using terms such as or when describing our

activities or functions of a VIE, and disclose clearly the entity (including the domicile) in

which investors are purchasing their interest.

Provide a description of how cash is transferred through your organization and disclose

your intentions to distribute earnings or settle amounts owed under the VIE agreements.

State whether any transfers, dividends, or distributions have been made to date between

the holding company, its subsidiaries, and consolidated VIEs, or to investors, and quantify

the amounts where applicable. Provide cross-references to the condensed consolidating

schedule and the consolidated financial statements.

About This Prospectus, page 1

Disclose clearly that the company uses a structure that involves a VIE based in China and

what that entails and provide early in the summary a diagram of the s corporate company

structure, including who the equity ownership interests are of each entity. Describe all

contracts and arrangements through which you purport to obtain economic rights and

exercise control that results in consolidation of the VIE operations and financial results

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into your financial statements. Identify clearly the entity in which investors are purchasing

their interest and the entities in which the company s operations are conducted. 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 VIE, its founders and owners, and the

challenges the company may face enforcing these contractual agreements due to

uncertainties under Chinese law and jurisdictional limits.

6. We note your disclosure on page 84 of your annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year

ended December 31, 2020, that you control and receive economic benefits of Studio City

Entertainment Limited, Studio City Holdings Hotels Limited, and Studio City Holdings

Developments Limited s business operations through VIE agreements. We also note the

disclosure that you are the primary beneficiary of the VIE. However, you or your

investors do not have an equity ownership in, direct foreign investment in, or control

through such ownership/investment of the VIE. As such, when describing the design of

the VIE agreements and related outcome, please refrain from implying that the VIE

agreement is equivalent to an 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 and

clearly describe the conditions you met for consolidation of the VIE under U.S. GAAP

and your disclosure should clarify that, for accounting purposes, you will be the primary

beneficiary. In addition, your disclosure should note, if true, that the agreements have not

been tested in a court of law.

In your summary, disclose the risks that your corporate structure and being based in or

having the majority of the company s operations in China poses to investors. In particular,

describe the significant regulatory, liquidity, and enforcement risks with cross-references

to the more detailed discussion of these risks in the prospectus. For example, specifically

discuss risks arising from the legal system in China, including risks and uncertainties

regarding the enforcement of laws and that rules and 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, or may exert more control over offerings

conducted overseas and/or foreign investment in China-based issuers, which could result

in a material change in your operations and/or the value of the securities you are

registering for sale. Acknowledge any risks that any actions by the Chinese government to

exert more oversight and control over offerings that are conducted overseas and/or foreign

investment in China-based issuers could significantly limit or completely hinder your

ability to offer or continue to offer securities to investors and cause the value of such

securities to significantly decline or be worthless.

Disclose each permission or approval that you, your subsidiaries, or the VIEs are required

to obtain from Chinese authorities to operate your business and to offer the securities

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FirstName LastName being registered to foreign investors. State whether you, your

subsidiaries, or VIEs are covered by permissions requirements from the China Securities

Regulatory Commission (CSRC), Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) or any other

(CSRC), Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) or any other governmental agency

that is 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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

have been denied. Please also describe the consequences to you and your investors if you, $\$

your subsidiaries, or the VIEs: (i) do not receive or maintain such permissions or

approvals, (ii) inadvertently conclude that such permissions or approvals are not required,

or (iii) applicable laws, regulations, or interpretations change and you are required to

obtain such permissions or approvals in the future.

9. Provide a clear description of how cash is transferred through your ${\tt VIE}$

structure. Disclose your intentions to distribute earnings or settle amounts owed under the $\,$

 $\,$ VIE agreements. Quantify any cash flows and transfers of other assets by type that have

occurred between the holding company, its subsidiaries, and consolidated VIEs, and

direction of transfer. Quantify any dividends or distributions that a subsidiary or

 $\bar{\mbox{\sc consolidated}}$ VIE have made to the holding company and which entity made such transfer,

and their tax consequences. Similarly quantify dividends or distributions made to $\ensuremath{\text{U.S.}}$

investors, the source, and their tax consequences. Describe any restrictions on foreign $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left($

exchange and your ability to transfer cash between entities, across borders, and to ${\tt U.S.}$

investors that may apply. Describe any restrictions and limitations on your ability to $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left($

distribute earnings from your businesses, including subsidiaries and/or consolidated VIEs,

to the parent company and U.S. investors as well as the ability to settle amounts $\ensuremath{\mathsf{owed}}$

under the VIE agreements.

10. We note that the consolidated VIEs constitute a material part of your consolidated

 $\mbox{financial statements. Please provide in tabular form a condensed consolidating schedule} \\$

that disaggregates the operations and depicts the financial position, cash flows, and results

of operations as of the same dates and for the same periods for which audited consolidated $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

 $\,$ financial statements are required. The schedule should present major line items, such as

revenue and cost of goods/services, and subtotals and disaggregated intercompany

amounts, such as separate line items for intercompany receivables and investment in $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

subsidiary. The schedule should also disaggregate the parent company, the VIEs and its

consolidated subsidiaries, the WFOEs that are the primary beneficiary of the VIEs, and an $\,$

aggregation of other entities that are consolidated. The objective of this disclosure is to

allow an investor to evaluate the nature of assets held by, and the operations of, entities $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

apart from the VIE, as well as the nature and amounts associated with intercompany $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

transactions. Any intercompany amounts should be presented on a gross basis and when $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$

 $\tt necessary,$ additional disclosure about such amounts should be included in order to make

the information presented not misleading.

11. Disclose that trading in your securities may be prohibited under the Holding Foreign

Companies Accountable Act if the PCAOB determines that it cannot inspect or investigate $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left($

completely your auditor, and that as a result an exchange may

determine to delist your Kevin Richard Benning

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securities. Disclose whether your auditor is subject to the determinations announced by

the PCAOB on December 16, 2021. Please also include a Risk Factor in this regard. In

your Risk Factor, please further 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.

Also disclose in the Risk Factor that the Commission adopted rules to implement the

HFCAA and that, pursuant to the 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. Risk Factors, page 9

Revise your risk factor section to acknowledge that if the PRC government determines

that the contractual arrangements constituting part of your VIE structure do not comply

with PRC regulations, or if these regulations change or are interpreted differently in the

future, your shares may decline in value or be worthless if you are unable to assert your

contractual control rights over the assets of your PRC subsidiaries that may conduct all or

substantially all of your operations.

13. Given the Chinese government s significant oversight and discretion over the conduct of

your business, please revise to separately highlight 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 your common stock or ADSs. Also, given

recent statements by the Chinese government indicating an intent to exert more oversight

and control over offerings that are conducted overseas and/or foreign investment in China-

based issuers, acknowledge the risk that any such action could significantly limit or

completely hinder your ability to offer or continue to offer securities to investors and

cause the value of such securities to significantly decline or be

In light of recent events indicating greater oversight by the Cyberspace Administration of

China over data security, particularly for companies listed on a foreign exchange, please

revise your risk factor section starting on page 9 to disclose how this oversight impacts

your business and your offering and to what extent you believe that you are compliant

with the cyber security regulations or policies that have been issued by the CAC or any

other PRC controlled entity.

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.

Refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. Please allow adequate

time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration

statement. Kevin Richard Benning STUDIO CITY INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS Ltd December 23, 2021 Page 6

Please contact Patrick Costello at 202-551-8742 or Mary Beth Breslin at 202-551-3625 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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Division of Corporation Finance

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Office of Real Estate & Construction

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