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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2015 COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 001-33863

XINYUAN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

27/F, China Central Place, Tower II 79 Jianguo Road, Chaoyang District Beijing 100025 People's Republic of China (Address of principal executive offices)

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This Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the registration statements of Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("Xinyuan" or the "Company") on Form S-8 (Registration Numbers 333-152637, 333-198525 and 333-205371) and on Form F-3 (Registration Number 333-192046) and any outstanding prospectus, offering circular or similar document issued or authorized by the Company that incorporates by reference any of the Company's reports on Form 6-K that are incorporated into its registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and this Form 6-K shall be deemed a part of each such document from the date on which this Form 6-K is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

XINYUAN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Huaiyu Liu Name: Huaiyu Liu Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 28, 2015

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Description Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. Press Release dated December 28, 2015

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Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. Announces Board Authorization to Repurchase Shares

BEIJING, December 28, 2015 -- Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("Xinyuan" or "the Company") (NYSE: XIN), an NYSE-listed real estate developer and property manager primarily in China and recently in other countries, today announced that effective December 28, 2015, the Board of Directors approved a \$40 million share repurchase program that will remain valid through December 2017. The program will be funded from available working capital. The Company previously had a US\$60 million share repurchase program adopted in July 2013 which has expired.

Mr. Yong Zhang, Xinyuan's Chairman, stated, "Xinyuan's diversified product portfolio, growing development opportunities, strong financial position and free cash flow generation enable us to execute on our business growth plan while also returning capital to our shareholders. With our newly approved repurchase program, we expect to capitalize on our current valuation to repurchase shares at attractive prices. The continuation of our share repurchase program along with our regular quarterly dividend payments in 2015 affirm our commitment to maximizing value for our shareholders."

The share repurchases under the 2015 program will be made from time to time through a combination of open market and privately negotiated transactions. The per share price cap will be determined from time to time by the discretion of the management.

About Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd.

Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("Xinyuan") is an NYSE-listed real estate developer and property manager primarily in China and recently in other countries. In China, the Company develops and manages large scale, high quality real estate projects in over ten tier one and tier two cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Zhengzhou, Jinan, Xi'an, Suzhou, among others. Xinyuan was one of the first Chinese real estate developers to enter the U.S. market and over the past few years has been active in real estate development in New York. The Company aims to provide comfortable and convenient real estate related products and services to middle-class consumers. For more information, please visit http://www.xyre.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this press release constitute "forward-looking statements". These statements are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements includes statements about estimated financial performance, sales performance and activity, among others and can generally be identified by terminology such as "will," "expects," "anticipates," "future," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates" and similar statements. Statements that are not historical statements are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated, including, but not limited to, our ability to continue to implement our business model successfully; our ability to secure adequate financing for our project development; our ability to successfully sell or complete our property projects under construction and planning; our ability to enter into new geographic markets and expand our operations; the marketing and sales ability of our third-party sales agents; the performance of our third-party contractors; the impact of laws, regulations and policies relating to real estate developers and the real estate industry in the countries in which we operate; our ability to obtain permits and licenses to carry on our business in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; competition from other real estate developers; the growth of the real estate industry in the markets in which we operate; fluctuations in general economic and business conditions in the markets in which we operate; and other risks outlined in our public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or review publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after

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