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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 MAY 2022 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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Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. dated May 17, 2022

Signature

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/ Yong Zhang

Name: Yong Zhang

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 17, 2022

Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. Announces Delayed Filing of Annual Report on Form 20-F

Beijing, May 17, 2022 -- Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("Xinyuan" or the "Company") (NYSE: XIN), an NYSE-listed real estate developer operating primarily in China and also in other countries, announces that its annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021 (the "Annual Report") cannot be filed within the 15-day extension period under Rule 12b-25(b)(2)(ii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The delayed filing is because the Company's independent auditor requires additional time to complete its audit of the financial statements for the Annual Report. The independent auditor has had less time than it typically would have to complete the audit because of the Company's delayed filing of its annual report for 2020 on Form 20-F which it filed on March 8, 2022.

The independent auditor has been working diligently on the audit and has only a few procedures outstanding to complete, which include the on-site audit of the Company's significant investments and obtaining of certain banks' confirmation letters. These procedures have been disrupted by the strict quarantine measures put in place by the Shanghai Municipal Government as a result of the COVID-19 resurgence in Shanghai in late March and early April 2022, which affects the majority of the independent auditor's workforce.

The Company expects to file the Annual Report within two months once the strict quarantine measures in Shanghai are lifted. The Company cannot predict when that will occur.

About Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd.

Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("Xinyuan") is an NYSE-listed real estate developer primarily in China and recently in other countries. In China, Xinyuan develops and manages large scale, high quality real estate projects in over ten tier one and tier two cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Zhengzhou, Jinan, Qingdao, Chengdu, Xi'an, Suzhou, Dalian, Zhuhai and Foshan. 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. Xinyuan 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.

Forward Looking Statements

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 future debt and financial position, potential future collaborative efforts, 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 successfully into new geographic markets and new business lines 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; the impact of pandemics, such as Covid-19, on the real estate market and the economies in our markets; 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, 2020. 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 the date on which the statement is made.

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