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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 APRIL 2012  
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XINYUAN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

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People's Republic of China  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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Yes

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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/ Thomas Gurnee

Name: Thomas Gurnee

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 24, 2012

## Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend

### *-Company Raises Annualized Dividend Payment- -Moves from Annual to Quarterly Payment-*

BEIJING, April 18, 2012-- Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. (NYSE: XIN), a residential real estate developer with a focus on high growth, strategic Tier II & III cities in China, announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.02 per common share, or US\$0.04 per American Depositary Share (ADS), payable May 15, 2012, to shareholders of record on April 30, 2012. This is equivalent to an annual cash dividend of US\$0.08 per common share, or US\$0.16 per ADS, which represents a substantial increase over the previous year's annual dividend of \$0.10 per ADS.

Mr. Yong Zhang, Xinyuan's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are pleased to continue our cash dividend for the second consecutive year and to initiate distribution of our dividend payment on a quarterly basis going forward. Management's decision to increase the dividend demonstrates Xinyuan's financial health and operational strength despite the challenging property market environment in China. We remain confident in our future growth prospects and long-term financial strength."

#### **About Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd.**

Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("Xinyuan") (NYSE: XIN) is a developer of large scale, high quality residential real estate projects aimed at providing middle-income consumers with a comfortable and convenient community lifestyle. Xinyuan focuses on China's Tier II cities, characterized as larger, more developed urban areas with above average GDP and population growth rates. Xinyuan has expanded its network to cover a total population of over 44.7 million people in seven strategically selected Tier II cities, comprising Hefei, Jinan, Kunshan, Suzhou, Zhengzhou, Xuzhou and Chengdu. Xinyuan is the first real estate developer from China to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. For more information, please visit <http://www.xyre.com>.

#### **Safe Harbor Statement**

This press release contains 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 can be identified by terminology such as "will," "expects," "anticipates," "future," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "confident" and similar statements. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements concerning our beliefs, forecasts, estimates and expectations, 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, the risk that: our financing costs are subject to changes in interest rates; our results of operations may fluctuate from period to period; the recognition of our real estate revenue and costs relies on our estimation of total project sales value and costs; we may be unable to acquire desired development sales at commercially reasonable costs; increases in the price of raw materials may increase our cost of sales and reduce our earnings; we are heavily dependent on the performance of the residential property market in China, which is at a relatively early development stage; PRC economic, political and social conditions as well as government policies can affect our business; the market price of our ADSs may be volatile, 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, 2011. All information provided in this press release is as of April 18, 2012. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date on which the statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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