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# VIA EDGAR

Ms. Katherine Wray Ms. Jan Woo Division of Corporation Finance Office of Technology U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20549

# Re: UCLOUDLINK GROUP INC. (CIK No. 0001775898) <u>Response to the Staff's Comments on the Amendment No. 1 to</u> <u>Registration Statement on Form F-3 Filed on July 26, 2021</u>

Dear Ms. Wray and Ms. Woo:

On behalf of our client, UCLOUDLINK GROUP INC., a foreign private issuer organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "**Company**"), we submit to the staff (the "**Staff**") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") this letter setting forth the Company's responses to the comments contained in the Staff's letter dated August 13, 2021 on the Company's amendment no. 1 to registration statement on Form F-3 filed on July 26, 2021 (the "**Registration Statement**").

Concurrently with the submission of this letter, the Company is filing herewith amendment no. 2 to the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (the "**Revised Registration Statement**") including certain exhibit thereto via EDGAR w the Commission for review.

The Staff's comments are repeated below in bold and are followed by the Company's responses. We have included page references in the Revised Registration Statement where the language addressing a particular comment appears. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Revised Registration Statement.

## Comments in Letter Dated August 13, 2021

## **Prospectus 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. Explain whether the VIE structure is used to replicate foreign investment in Chinese-based companies where Chinese law prohibits direct foreign investment in the operating companies, and disclose that investors may never directly hold equity interests in the Chinese operating company. Your disclosure should acknowledge that Chinese regulatory authorities could disallow this structure, which would likely result in a material change in your operations and/or value of your 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.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on the prospectus cover page of the Revised Registration Statement.

2. 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 or Hong Kong. Your disclosure should make clear whether these risks could result in a material change in your operations and/or the value of your 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. Your prospectus summary should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the risks highlighted on the prospectus cover page.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on the prospectus cover page of the Revised Registration Statement.

3. Clearly disclose how you will refer to the holding company, subsidiaries, and VIEs when providing the 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. Refrain from using terms such as "we" or "our" when describing activities or functions of a VIE. Disclose clearly the entity (including the domicile) in which investors are purchasing their interest.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on the prospectus cover page of the Revised Registration Statement.

#### **Prospectus Summary**

4. Disclose clearly that the company uses a structure that involves VIEs based in China and what that entails and provide early in the summary a diagram of the company's corporate 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 VIEs' operations and financial results into your financial statements. Identify clearly the entity in which investors are purchasing their interest and the entity(ies) 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 each 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.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 7 to 9 of the Revised Registration Statement.

5. In your summary of risk factors, disclose the risks that your corporate structure and being based in or having significant 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 your ADSs. 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.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on page 13 of the Revised Registration Statement.

6. Disclose each permission that you, your subsidiaries or your VIEs are required to obtain from Chinese authorities to operate and issue these securities to foreign investors. State whether you, your subsidiaries, or VIEs are covered by permissions requirements from the CSRC, CAC or any other entity that is required to approve of the VIE's operations, and state affirmatively whether you have received all requisite permissions and whether any permissions have been denied.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 6 and 7 of the Revised Registration Statement.

7. Provide a clear description of how cash is transferred through your organization. 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 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 U.S. investors, the source, and their tax consequences. Describe any restrictions on foreign exchange and your ability to transfer cash between entities, across borders, and to U.S. investors. Describe any restrictions and limitations on your ability to 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 owed under the VIE agreements.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 9 to 11 of the Revised Registration Statement.

8. We note that the consolidated VIEs constitute a material part of your consolidated financial statements. Please provide in tabular form condensed consolidating schedule—depicting the financial position, cash flows and results of operations for the parent, the consolidated variable interest entities, and any eliminating adjustments separately—as of the same dates and for the same periods for which audited consolidated financial statements are required. Highlight the financial statement information related to the variable interest entity and parent, so an investor may evaluate the nature of assets held by, and the operations of, entities apart from the variable interest entity, which includes the cash held and transferred among entities.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 30 to 33 of the Revised Registration Statement.

9. 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 fully investigate your auditor, and that as a result an exchange may determine to delist your securities. If the PCAOB has been or is currently unable to inspect your auditor, revise your disclosure to so state.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 13, 19 and 20 of the Revised Registration Statement.

#### **Risk Factors**

10. Revise your risk factors 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 become worthless if you are unable to assert your contractual control rights over the assets of your PRC subsidiaries that conduct all or substantially all of your operations.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 18 and 19 of the Revised Registration Statement.

11. 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 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 worthless.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 20 and 21 of the Revised Registration Statement.

12. In light of recent events indicating greater oversight by the Cyberspace Administration of China over data security, particularly for companies seeking to list on a foreign exchange, please revise your disclosure to explain how this oversight impacts your business and your offering and to what extent you believe that you are compliant with the regulations or policies that have been issued by the CAC to date.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised the disclosure on pages 14 to 16 of the Revised Registration Statement.

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If you have any questions regarding the Revised Registration Statement, please contact the undersigned by phone at +852 3740-4863 or via e-mail at julie.gao@skadden.com.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures.

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