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#### VIA EDGAR

Ms. Alyssa Wall Mr. Dietrich King Ms. Nasreen Mohammed Mr. Joel Parker Division of Corporation Finance Office of Trade & Services Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

#### Re: Pinduoduo Inc. Form 20-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021 Filed on April 25, 2022 (File No. 001-38591)

Dear Ms. Wall, Mr. King, Ms. Mohammed and Mr. Parker,

On behalf of our client, Pinduoduo Inc. (the "**Company**"), we set forth below the Company's responses to the comments contained in the letter dated November 23, 2022 from the staff (the "**Staff**") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") regarding the Company's annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the Commission on April 25, 2022 (the "**2021 Form 20-F**"). The Staff's comments are repeated below in bold and are followed by the Company's responses thereto. All capitalized terms used but not defined in this letter shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the 2021 Form 20-F.

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## Financial Information Related to Our VIE, page 9

1. We acknowledge your response to comment 2 and note from your prior response that you did not present the WFOE column separately because you determined that Pinduoduo Inc. is the primary beneficiary, not the WFOE. While we do not conclude on your identification of the primary beneficiary, we believe that, in light of the fact that the WFOE receives the returns from the VIE, separate presentation of the WFOE in the consolidating schedule would provide investors with meaningful information about the economic relationship between the VIE and the WFOE, and the WFOE and its Cayman Islands parent, Pinduoduo Inc. Please revise to present the WFOE in a separate column, and present intercompany transactions in separate line items.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company respectfully proposes to revise the VIE financial schedules in its future Form 20-F filings per the blacklining shown below (with deletions shown in strikethrough and additions in underline), subject to such updates and adjustments to be made in connection with any material developments of the subject matter being disclosed:

### "Financial Information Related to <del>Our the</del> VIE

The following table presents the condensed consolidating schedule of financial position for (<u>i)</u> <u>Pinduoduo Inc., (ii)</u> <u>Hangzhou</u> <u>Weimi, a PRC subsidiary of the Company that has entered into contractual arrangements with the VIE, the VIE's shareholders and, as applicable, their spouses, (<u>iii</u>) <u>our the</u> VIE and its subsidiaries, and (<u>iv</u>) the Company's subsidiaries other than Hangzhou Weimi and other entities as of the dates <u>or for the periods</u> presented.</u>

#### Selected Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Information

		For the Year Ended December 31, 2021						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>				
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	<u>Subsidiaries</u>		<u>Subsidiaries of</u>				
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated		
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total		
	(RMB in millions)							
Revenues	=	<u>2,288,608</u>	77,877,339	<u>50,467,506</u>	(36,683,514)	93,949,939		
Total costs and operating								
<u>expenses</u>	<u>(649,171)</u>	<u>(2,273,922)</u>	(62,977,072)	<u>(57,836,526)</u>	<u>36,683,514</u>	(87,053,177)		
<u>Share of profit from</u>								
subsidiaries, the VIE and								
subsidiaries of the VIE	<u>9,579,738</u>	—	—	—	<u>(9,579,738)</u>	—		
Net income / (loss)	<u>7,768,670</u>	<u>43,461</u>	15,169,180	<u>(5,632,903)</u>	(9,579,738)	7,768,670		

		Fo	r the Year Ended I	December 31, 2020	1		
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>			
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of			
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated	
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total	
	(RMB in millions)						
Revenues		<u>1,101,213</u>	51,351,861	<u>21,614,790</u>	(14,575,999)	59,491,865	
Total costs and operating							
<u>expenses</u>	<u>(667,210)</u>	<u>(1,332,403)</u>	<u>(50,118,546)</u>	<u>(31,330,030)</u>	<u>14,575,999</u>	<u>(68,872,190)</u>	
<u>Share of profit from</u>							
subsidiaries, the VIE and							
subsidiaries of the VIE	<u>(5,996,484)</u>	=	=	=	<u>5,996,484</u>	=	
Net (loss) / income	(7,179,742)	<u>(229,006)</u>	2,552,665	<u>(8,320,143)</u>	5,996,484	(7,179,742)	

		Fo	r the Year Ended I	December 31, 2019			
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>			
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		<u>Subsidiaries of</u>			
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated	
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total	
	(RMB in millions)						
Revenues		<u>1,149,250</u>	19,875,332	<u>12,636,410</u>	(3,519,106)	30,141,886	
Total costs and operating							
<u>expenses</u>	<u>(670,724)</u>	<u>(1,059,794)</u>	<u>(24,309,403)</u>	<u>(16,158,996)</u>	<u>3,518,820</u>	<u>(38,680,097)</u>	
<u>Share of profit from</u>							
<u>subsidiaries, the VIE and</u>							
subsidiaries of the VIE	<u>(6,470,882</u> )	=	=	=	<u>6,470,882</u>	=	
Net (loss) / income	(6,967,603)	<u>93,183</u>	(3,611,656)	<u>(2,946,035)</u>	6,464,508	(6,967,603)	

Selected Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets Information

	As of December 31, 2021							
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>				
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of				
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated		
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total		
	(RMB in thousands)							
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	2,269	<u>1,033</u>	2,430,440	<u>3,992,973</u>	—	6,426,715		
Restricted cash	_	_	59,402,079	<u>215,177</u>		59,617,256		
Short-term investments	_	_	12,306,340	<u>74,210,278</u>	—	86,516,618		
Amounts due from Group								
companies <sup>(1)</sup>	_	<u>1,239,992</u>	40,425,872	<u>29,829,301</u>	(71,495,165)	_		
Others	390	<u>9,393</u>	6,198,116	<u>2,140,680</u>		8,348,579		
Total current assets	2,659	<u>1,250,418</u>	120,762,847	<u>110,388,409</u>	(71,495,165)	160,909,168		

	As of December 31, 2021						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>			
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of			
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated	
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total	
			(RMB in th	ousands)			
Non-current assets:							
Other non-current assets	—	—	5,300,938	<u>11,125,028</u>		16,425,966	
Investments in subsidiaries, <del>our</del>							
<u>the</u> VIE and its subsidiaries <sup>(2)</sup>	86,252,341	<u>2,000</u>	_	<u>1,579,309</u>	(87,833,650)	—	
Others	674,057	<u>9,690</u>	2,581,092	<u>609,745</u>		3,874,584	
Total non-current assets	86,926,398	<u>11,690</u>	7,882,030	<u>13,314,082</u>	(87,833,650)	20,300,550	
Total assets	86,929,057	<u>1,262,108</u>	128,644,877	<u>123,702,491</u>	(159,328,815)	181,209,718	
Current liabilities:							
Payable to merchants	—	—	61,947,517	<u>562,197</u>		62,509,714	
Merchant deposits	—	—	13,360,409	<u>217,143</u>		13,577,552	
Amounts due to Group							
companies <sup>(1)</sup>	_	<u>1,315,756</u>	27,978,153	<u>123,501,613</u>	(152,795,522)	_	
Others	24,607	<u>191,953</u>	12,619,600	<u>4,806,288</u>	_	17,642,448	
Total current liabilities	24,607	<u>1,507,709</u>	115,905,679	<u>129,087,241</u>	(152,795,522)	93,729,714	
Non-current liabilities							
Convertible bonds	11,788,907	—				11,788,907	
Others	996	<u>75</u>	324,285	<u>251,194</u>		576,550	
Total non-current liabilities	11,789,903	<u>75</u>	324,285	<u>251,194</u>	_	12,365,457	
Total liabilities	11,814,510	<u>1,507,784</u>	116,229,964	<u>129,338,435</u>	(152,795,522)	106,095,171	

	As of December 31, 2020						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>			
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of			
	beneficiary of	Hangzhou	VIE and Its	Pinduoduo		Consolidated	
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total	
			(RMB in tl	iousands)			
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	6,566	<u>9,168</u>	3,593,192	<u>18,812,263</u>	—	22,421,189	
Restricted cash		<u>45,000</u>	52,148,852	<u>228,595</u>	—	52,422,447	
Short-term investments	5,840,247	_	7,026,442	<u>51,684,405</u>	_	64,551,094	
Amounts due from Group							
companies <sup>(1)</sup>	_	<u>999,964</u>	9,932,418	<u>14,699,309</u>	(25,631,691)	_	
Others	359	<u>38,340</u>	8,788,524	<u>1,301,925</u>	—	10,129,148	
Total current assets	5,847,172	<u>1,092,472</u>	81,489,428	<u>86,726,497</u>	(25,631,691)	149,523,878	
Non-current assets:							
Other non-current assets		<u>5,005</u>	4,380,476	<u>2,889,824</u>	_	7,275,305	
Investments in subsidiaries, <del>our</del>							
the and its subsidiaries <sup>(2)</sup>	67,814,679	<u>2,000</u>	_	<u>1,616,265</u>	(69,432,944)	_	
Others	1,276,751	<u>23,967</u>	654,790	<u>153,923</u>	_	2,109,431	

	As of December 31, 2020						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>			
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of			
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated	
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total	
			(RMB in th	nousands)			
Total non-current assets	69,091,430	<u>30,972</u>	5,035,266	<u>4,660,012</u>	(69,432,944)	9,384,736	
Total assets	74,938,602	<u>1,123,444</u>	86,524,694	<u>91,386,509</u>	(95,064,635)	158,908,614	
Current liabilities:							
Payable to merchants	—	_	53,417,259	<u>416,722</u>		53,833,981	
Merchant deposits	—	—	10,926,319	—		10,926,319	
Amounts due to Group							
companies <sup>(1)</sup>	_	<u>1,068,463</u>	9,759,506	<u>92,224,226</u>	(103,052,195)	_	
Others	327,004	<u>334,083</u>	14,809,044	<u>3,651,646</u>		19,121,777	
Total current liabilities	327,004	<u>1,402,546</u>	88,912,128	<u>96,292,594</u>	(103,052,195)	83,882,077	
Non-current liabilities							
Convertible bonds	14,432,792	—		—	—	14,432,792	
Others	2,918	<u>10,034</u>	366,834	<u>38,071</u>		417,857	
Total non-current liabilities	14,435,710	<u>10,034</u>	366,834	<u>38,071</u>		14,850,649	
Total liabilities	14,762,714	<u>1,412,580</u>	89,278,962	<u>96,330,665</u>	(103,052,195)	98,732,726	

			As of Decemb	oer 31, 2019		
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>		
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of		
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total
			(RMB in th	iousands)		
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	661,714	<u>7,360</u>	2,816,894	<u>2,282,218</u>	—	5,768,186
Restricted cash	—	<u>45,000</u>	27,528,793	<u>3,878</u>		27,577,671
Short-term investments	6,157,221	_	6,560,665	<u>22,570,941</u>	_	35,288,827
Amounts due from Group						
companies <sup>(1)</sup>	_	<u>58,554</u>	3,337,273	<u>5,410,374</u>	(8,806,201)	_
Others	17,906	<u>185,001</u>	3,706,618	<u>457,254</u>	_	4,366,779
Total current assets	6,836,841	<u>295,915</u>	43,950,243	<u>30,724,665</u>	(8,806,201)	73,001,463
Non-current assets:						
Other non-current assets	_	<u>5,001</u>	60,306	<u>437,813</u>	_	503,120
Investments in subsidiaries, <del>our</del>						
<u>the</u> VIE and its subsidiaries <sup>(2)</sup>	21,053,370	<u>2,000</u>	_	<u>1,728,056</u>	(22,783,426)	_
Others	1,994,292	<u>40,872</u>	480,602	<u>36,987</u>	_	2,552,753
Total non-current assets	23,047,662	<u>47,873</u>	540,908	<u>2,202,856</u>	(22,783,426)	3,055,873
Total assets	29,884,503	<u>343,788</u>	44,491,151	<u>32,927,521</u>	(31,589,627)	76,057,336
Current liabilities:						
Payable to merchants	_	_	29,657,227	<u>269,261</u>	_	29,926,488
Merchant deposits			7,840,912			7,840,912

		As of December 31, 2019						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>				
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of				
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated		
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total		
	(RMB in thousands)							
Amounts due to Group								
companies <sup>(1)</sup>	_	<u>60,015</u>	5,393,858	<u>32,157,330</u>	(37,611,203)	—		
Others	23,566	<u>317,684</u>	6,518,860	<u>1,140,296</u>	_	8,000,406		
Total current liabilities	23,566	<u>377,699</u>	49,410,857	<u>33,566,887</u>	(37,611,203)	45,767,806		
Non-current liabilities								
Convertible bonds	5,206,682	—				5,206,682		
Others	7,389	<u>26,219</u>	382,673	<u>19,701</u>	_	435,982		
Total non-current liabilities	5,214,071	<u> 26,219</u>	382,673	<u>19,701</u>	_	5,642,664		
Total liabilities	5,237,637	<u>403,918</u>	49,793,530	<u>33,586,588</u>	(37,611,203)	51,410,470		

## Selected Condensed Consolidated Cash Flows Information

		For the Year Ended December 31, 2021						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>				
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of				
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated		
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total		
	(RMB in thousands)							
Net cash generated from/ (used								
in) operating activities <sup>(3)</sup>	82,074	<u>(150,891)</u>	34,365,025	<u>(5,513,197)</u>	_	28,783,011		
Net cash used in investing								
activities	(91,170)	<u>(270,312)</u>	(26,828,581)	<u>(33,008,291)</u>	24,635,989	(35,562,365)		
Net cash generated from/ (used								
in) financing activities	318	<u>368,069</u>	(1,445,969)	<u>23,838,417</u>	(24,635,989)	(1,875,154)		

		For the Year Ended December 31, 2020						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>				
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of				
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated		
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total		
			(RMB in th	ousands)				
Net cash generated from/ (used								
in) operating activities <sup>(3)</sup>	735,231	<u>(452,435)</u>	29,379,799	<u>(1,465,968)</u>	_	28,196,627		
Net cash used in investing								
activities	(52,266,859)	<u>(224,486)</u>	(11,802,074)	<u>(40,595,102)</u>	66,530,620	(38,357,901)		
Net cash generated from								
financing activities	50,892,970	<u>678,729</u>	7,818,632	<u>58,939,285</u>	(66,530,620)	51,798,996		

		For the Year Ended December 31, 2019						
	Pinduoduo			<u>Other</u>				
	Inc. <u>(Primary</u>	Subsidiaries		Subsidiaries of				
	<u>beneficiary of</u>	<u>Hangzhou</u>	VIE and Its	<u>Pinduoduo</u>		Consolidated		
	<u>the VIE)</u>	<u>Weimi*</u>	Subsidiaries	<u>Inc.**</u>	Eliminations	Total		
			(RMB in th	ousands)				
Net cash generated from/ (used								
in) operating activities <sup>(3)</sup>	259,409	<u>(204,738)</u>	11,139,572	<u>3,626,733</u>	—	14,820,976		
Net cash (used in)/ generated								
from investing activities	(20,241,566)	<u>181,675</u>	(5,249,046)	<u>(27,021,846)</u>	24,011,105	(28,319,678)		
Net cash generated from								
financing activities	14,960,585	<u>21,190</u>	4,546,481	<u>20,337,580</u>	(24,011,105)	15,854,731		

#### Notes:

\* Represents Hangzhou Weimi, a PRC subsidiary of the Company that has entered into contractual arrangements with the VIE, the VIE's shareholders and, as applicable, their spouses. These contractual arrangements enable us to direct the activities of and derive economic benefits from the VIE and its subsidiaries. For more information, see "Item 4. Information on the Company—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements with the VIE and Its Shareholders."

\*\* Represents all of the Company's subsidiaries other than Hangzhou Weimi.

(1) Represents the elimination of the intercompany balances among Pinduoduo Inc., our subsidiaries, <u>Hangzhou Weimi, the Company's</u> subsidiaries other than <u>Hangzhou Weimi</u>, and our <u>the VIE</u> and its subsidiaries.

(2) Represents the elimination of the investments in our subsidiaries, <u>Hangzhou Weimi</u>, the Company's subsidiaries other than <u>Hangzhou Weimi</u> and our the <u>VIE</u> and its subsidiaries.

(3) For the years ended December 31 2019, 2020 and 2021, cash paid by <del>our the</del> VIE and its subsidiaries to <del>our subsidiaries</del> <u>Hangzhou Weimi</u>, primarily for service fees, was <u>RMB759.1 RMB636.8</u> million, <u>RMB1,717.5 RMB935.1</u> million and <u>RMB5,016.5 RMB2,714.2</u> million (<u>US\$787.2</u> <u>US\$425.9</u> million), respectively.

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2. We note your response to comment 3 and reissue comment in part. Please discuss the impact of pricing changes on your revenues. For example, you present average transaction services revenue as a percentage of GMV increased from 0.35% in 2020 to 0.58% in 2021. Please clarify if the changes in prices attributed to such an increase.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company respectfully submits that the increase in average transaction services as a percentage of GMV was primarily the result of the Company providing more value-added services to merchants, whose demand for more diverse value-added services under different consumption scenarios increased with the growth of their businesses. For example, merchants can choose our value-added services to achieve faster deliveries, a better understanding of consumer demands or improvements in other business areas. As such, the overall increase in the Company's blended transaction service fee rate was thus primarily the result of the Company providing more of these value-added services to merchants, which was in turn mainly driven by the increases in both GMV and the diversity of transactions executed on the Company's platform. The Company undertakes to disclose the foregoing more clearly in its future Form 20-F filings, subject to such updates and adjustments to be made in connection with any material developments of the subject matter being disclosed.

### Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Regulation, page 62

3. We note your response to comment 1. Please also discuss the regulations applicable to you in Hong Kong. Currently, your disclosure discusses the regulations that affect your business and operations in China, excluding Hong Kong. Please refer to Item 4(B)(8) of Form 20-F.

The Company respectfully submits that its operations in Hong Kong primarily consist of the entry from time to time by HongKong Walnut Street Limited, a Hong Kong-incorporated subsidiary of the Company, into agreements with certain merchants and suppliers for offshore merchandise and procurement. These Hong Kong operations are not material to the Company's business as a whole. Similarly, the Company is not aware of any regulations applicable to its Hong Kong operations that have a material effect on the Company's business as a whole. On the basis of the foregoing, the Company respectfully submits that a discussion of the regulations applicable to it in Hong Kong is not necessary under Item 4(B) (8) of Form 20-F and would not be meaningful to investors.

## <u>General</u>

# 4. We note your response to comment 8. Please confirm that in future filings you will disclose that you do not have cash management policies that dictate how funds are transferred among the referenced constituents of the company.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company undertakes to revise the disclosure in its future Form 20-F filings to disclose that it does not have cash management policies that dictate how funds are transferred among the referenced constituents of the Company.

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If you have any additional questions or comments regarding the 2021 Form 20-F, please contact the undersigned at +86 21 6193 8225 or yuting.wu@skadden.com.

Very truly yours,

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