September 22, 2022

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Re: NIO Inc.

Form 20-F for the

period ended December 31, 2021

File No. 1-38638

Dear Mr. Feng:

 $\label{eq:weak_equation} \text{We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related}$ 

disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to

provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right$ 

information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 

comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

 $$\operatorname{\sc After}$$  reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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Key Information, page 5

1. Please update your disclosure wherever you discuss the HFCAA to reflect that on August 26, 2022, the PCAOB signed a Statement of Protocol with the China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Ministry of Finance of the PRC to allow the PCAOB to inspect and investigate completely registered pubic accounting firms headquartered in China and Hong Kong, consistent with the HFCAA, and that the PCAOB will be required to reassess its determinations by the end of 2022.

2. Please disclose prominently in Item 3 that you also conduct operations through your consolidated VIE, Prime Hubs. Please also consider adding Prime Hubs to your

organizational chart

located on page 6.

D. Risk Factors, page 25

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3. We note your risk factor and subsequent event disclosures that your vehicle delivery and

 $\,$  production have been impacted by the supply chain volatilities. We also note conflicts in

Ukraine and the imposition of broad economic sanctions on Russia could raise energy  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

prices and disrupt global markets. Please tell us and address in future filings, the

following:

 $\,$  Revise to further discuss whether supply chain disruptions materially affect your

outlook or business goals. Specify whether these challenges have materially impacted
your results of operations or capital resources and quantify, to the extent possible,

how your sales, profits, and/or liquidity have been impacted. Revise to discuss known trends or uncertainties resulting from

mitigation efforts undertaken, if any. Explain whether any mitigation efforts introduce new material

risks, including those related to product quality, reliability, or regulatory approval of products.

B. Business Overview Power Swap, page 84

4. We note you have numerous power swap stations. Please describe the cost components of

your battery charging and battery swap infrastructures and tell us where each respective  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ 

component including depreciation is recorded in your financial statements. Additionally,  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}$ 

tell us how you finance your fast-charging vans and where the respective cost components  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ 

are recorded in your financial statements.

Results of Operations, page 126

5. We note your discussion of financial results, starting on page 126, that qualitatively

discuss multiple factors that impacted these line items in each respective reporting  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right$ 

 $\,$  period discussed. Please revise to further describe material changes to a line item for the

underlying reasons for such changes in both quantitative and qualitative terms, including

the impact of offsetting factors. Refer to Item 303(b) of Regulation  $\mbox{S-K.}$ 

Qualitative and quantitative disclosures about market risk Inflation, page 164

6. We note your disclosure about market risk indicating that inflation could affect your

 $\,$  operating costs and expenses. Please tell us and update this disclosure in future filings if

recent inflationary pressures have materially impacted your operations. In this regard,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

identify the types of inflationary pressures you are facing and how your business has been  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

affected.

- 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
- (4) Revenue Recognition

Battery as a Service (BaaS), page F-20

7. We note your disclosure that under the BaaS, the Group sells battery packs to the Battery

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Asset Company, on a back-to-back basis when the Group sells the vehicle to the BaaS

users and that the promise to transfer the control of the battery packs to the Battery Asset  $\,$ 

Company is the only performance obligation in the contract with the Battery  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Asset}}$ 

Company for the sales of battery packs. To help us better understand your disclosure,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 

 $\,$  please quantify and describe for us any sales of battery packs to the Battery Asset

Company outside of the individual sale of a vehicle. In your response, tell us the revenue  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

line item in which these amounts are recognized and explain how these amounts relate to  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

the the sale of goods to Wuhan Weineng Battery Assets Co. Ltd disclosed on page  $F\!-\!52$ 

for each respective period. Additionally, describe the frequency of these supplemental  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

sales and how the amount of battery packs sold to the Battery Asset Company are

determined.

Battery Swapping Service, page F-21

We note your disclosure that your "battery swapping service is in substance a charging

service instead of non-monetary exchanges or sales of battery packs as the battery packs

involved in such swapping are the same in capacity and very similar in performance." To

help us better understand your disclosure, tell us how revenues and the related cost of

sales are recognized for the batteries used in the swapping service.

please tell us where the batteries made available for this service appear on the balance

sheet and which line item includes respective depreciation expense. Additionally,

describe your related depreciation method, if material.

10. Long-term investments, page F-32

We note your 19.8% equity interest in the Battery Asset Company which you account for

under the equity method. Please provide us your analysis as to whether Battery Asset

Company is a variable interest entity (VIE), pursuant to ASC 810-10-15-14. Include in

your response the following:

- 1. An explanation of the design and purpose of Battery Asset Company;
- 2. The identity of the other shareholders of Battery Asset Company, and a description

of the related party relationships;

3. Your consideration as to whether your guarantee for the default of monthly fee

subscription fees or other implicit guarantee was designed to protect equityholders

from absorbing expected losses; and

4. To the extent Battery Asset Company is a VIE, provide us your analysis as to the

determination of the primary beneficiary (ASC 810-10-25-38A) and consideration

for disclosures (ASC 810-10-50).

In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Charles Eastman at (202) 551-3794 or Melissa Gilmore at (202) 551 -

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