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For the month of November 2021

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BAIDU, INC.

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

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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.

BAIDU, INC.

By: /s/ Rong Luo
Name: Rong Luo
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 1, 2021
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Baidu Appoints Rong Luo as Chief Financial Officer

BEIJING, Nov 1, 2021 /PRNewswire/ — Baidu, Inc. (NASDAQ: BIDU and HKEX: 9888) (“Baidu” or the “Company”), a leading AI company with strong Internet foundation, today announced the appointment of Rong Luo as chief financial officer, effective immediately.

“Rong has extensive experience in financial management and capital markets,” said Robin Li, Baidu’s co-founder and CEO. “We are delighted to welcome Rong to our management team and expect his skills and leadership capabilities to help us achieve our next stage of growth in the AI era.”

“I am very excited to join Baidu. I look forward to working with the executive team to drive the future growth for Baidu,” said Mr. Luo.

Rong Luo joins Baidu from TAL Education Group, an NYSE listed company, where he served as the chief financial officer since November 2014 and played several key management roles. Prior to that, Mr. Luo was the chief financial officer of eLong Inc. from 2013 to 2014. Before that, Mr. Luo held different financial management positions at Lenovo Group and Microsoft. Mr. Luo holds bachelor’s degrees in both information management & systems and economics from Peking University, a master’s degree in management science and engineering from Tsinghua University, and a Ph.D. degree in management science from Peking University.

About Baidu

Founded in 2000, Baidu’s mission is to make the complicated world simpler through technology. Baidu is a leading AI company with strong Internet foundation, trading on Nasdaq under “BIDU” and HKEX under “9888”. One Baidu ADS represents eight Class A ordinary shares.

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Under our weighted voting rights structure, our share capital comprises Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares. Each Class A ordinary share entitles the holder to exercise one vote, and each Class B ordinary share entitles the holder to exercise 10 votes, respectively, on all matters subject to the vote at general meetings of the Company. Shareholders and prospective investors should be aware of the potential risks of investing in a company with a weighted voting rights structure. Our American depositary shares, each representing eight of our Class A ordinary shares, are listed on Nasdaq in the United States under the symbol BIDU.

Baidu, Inc.
百度集团股份有限公司
(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 9888)

DATE OF BOARD MEETING

Our board of directors will hold a board meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 for the purposes of, among other matters, approving our unaudited results and announcement for the three months ended September 30, 2021 (the “Third Quarter Results Announcement”).

We will upload the Third Quarter Results Announcement to the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 (Beijing/Hong Kong Time), after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange and before the opening of the U.S. market.

The Company’s management will hold an earnings conference call at 8:30 PM on November 17, 2021, Beijing/Hong Kong Time (7:30 AM on November 17, 2021, U.S. Eastern Time).

Interested parties may register in advance of the conference call using the link provided below. Participant dial-in numbers, direct event passcode and unique registrant ID will be provided by email upon registration.

Interested parties may visit the link below for pre-registration, which automatically directs visitors to the registration page of “Baidu Q3 2021 Earnings Conference Call”, where details for RSVP may be filled in.

PRE-REGISTRATION LINK: http://apac.directeventreg.com/registration/event/8590343

PARTICIPANT CONFERENCE ID: 8590343

In the 10 minutes prior to the call start time, participants may use the conference access information (including dial-in number(s), direct event passcode and unique registrant ID) provided in the confirmation email following pre-registration.
Additionally, a live and archived webcast of this conference call will be available at http://ir.baidu.com.

A replay of the conference call may be accessed by phone at the following number until November 24, 2021:

International: +61 2 8199 0299
Conference ID: 8590343

By order of the Board
Baidu, Inc.
Mr. Robin Yanhong Li
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, November 1, 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Robin Yanhong Li as director, and Mr. James Ding, Mr. Brent Callinicos, Mr. Yuanqing Yang and Mr. Jixun Foo as independent directors.