

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.  
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K/A**

**(Amendment No. 1)**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**COMMISSION FILE NO. 001-34647**

**CHINANET ONLINE HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**NEVADA**

(State or other jurisdiction of

**20-4672080**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

**No. 3 Min Zhuang Road, Building 6,**

**Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing, PRC**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**+86-10-6900-5520**

(Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

**Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Name of Exchange On which Registered</b>
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<b><u>\$0.001 Common Stock</u></b>	<b><u>Nasdaq Capital Market</u></b>
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**Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes o No ☒ x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.

Yes o No ☒ x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a "smaller reporting company." See the definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer ☐ Accelerated Filer ☐ Non-Accelerated Filer ☐ Smaller Reporting Company ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

The aggregate market value of the 17,648,178 shares of common equity stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was approximately \$22,766,150 on the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, based on the last sale price of the registrant's common stock on such date of \$1.29 per share, as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value as of April 29, 2016 was 30,355,722.



## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment No. 1 (“Amendment No. 1”) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on April 14, 2016 (the “2015 Annual Report”), is being filed to include in the Annual Report the information required by Part III (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) of Form 10-K and updates to the Exhibit Index.

This Amendment No. 1 does not affect any other portion of the 2015 Annual Report. Additionally, except as specifically referenced herein, this Amendment No. 1 does not reflect any event occurring after April 14, 2016, the filing date of the 2015 Annual Report.

## **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance. We have attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terminology including “anticipates”, “believes”, “expects”, “can”, “continue”, “could”, “estimate”, “expects”, “intends”, “may”, “plans”, “potential”, “predict”, “should” or “will” or the negative of these terms or other comparative terminology. These statements are only predictions. Uncertainties and other factors, including the risks outlined under Risk Factors contained in Item 1A of the Annual Report on Form 10-K, may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Our expectations are as of the date this Amendment No. 1 is filed, and we do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements after the filing date to conform these statements to actual results, unless required by law.

We file annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and proxy and information statements and amendments to reports filed or furnished pursuant to Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You may read and copy these materials at the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding us and other companies that file materials with the SEC electronically. You may also obtain copies of reports filed with the SEC, free of charge, via a link included on our website at [www.chinanet-online.com](http://www.chinanet-online.com).

## **PART III**

### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **Executive Officers and Directors**

The following discussion sets forth information regarding the executive officers and directors of the Company as of April 29, 2016. The board of directors is comprised of only one class. All of the directors will serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, retirement, resignation or removal. Provided below is a brief description of our executive officers’ and directors’

business experience during the past five years.

Name	Age	Other positions with Company; other directorships held in last five years	Has served as Company director since
Handong Cheng	45	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President	September 2007
George Chu	40	Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Director	June 2015
Watanabe Mototake	74	Independent Non-Executive Director	November 2009
Zhiqing Chen	43	Independent Non-Executive Director	November 2009
Douglas MacLellan	60	Independent Non-Executive Director	November 2009
Chang Qiu	52	Independent Non-Executive Director	December 2014

The business experience during at least the last five years of each of these individuals is as follows:

**Handong Cheng, Chairman of the Board. Chief Executive Officer and President.** Mr. Cheng has served as Chief Executive Officer of ChinaNet since September 2007. Prior to that role, from October 2003 to September 2007, Mr. Cheng acted as President of ChinaNet Online Advertising Limited. Mr. Cheng holds an EMBA degree from Guanghua School of Management at the Peking University, and a degree in economic law from the College of Law of Wuhan University.

**George Kai Chu, Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Director.** Mr. Chu has been our Chief Operating Officer and Secretary since May 2010. From December 2007 to May 2010, Mr. Chu served as the Special Executive to the Chairman of Dachan Food (Asia) Ltd. in Beijing and also served at Dachan Food as the Head of the Beijing and Hubei Operations. From June 2007 to December 2007, Mr. Chu acted as Senior Business Advisor to the Chinese Aviation and Space Industry Development Association (CASIDA) in Taipei. From January 2005 to June 2007, Mr. Chu served as a Senior Vice President at the Royal Bank of Canada Financial Group, Asset Management in Vancouver, Toronto and New York. Mr. Chu has a joint major bachelor degree in accounting and management information systems from Simon Fraser University, an MBA degree from Harvard University and an EMBA degree from Guanghua School of Management at the Peking University.

**Zhiqing Chen, Director.** Mr. Chen has been a partner at Chen & Partners Law Firm since July 2010. From January 2002 to June 2010, Mr. Chen was a partner at Jin Mao P.R.C. Lawyers in Shanghai, a law firm specializing in corporate law, including foreign investments and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Chen's clients include local PRC enterprises as well as international corporations. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Chen served as a non-management director for Shanghai Fumai Investment Management Co., Ltd., Shanghai Zhijinwu Investment Management Co., Ltd, and Shanghai Merciful Groups Co., Ltd. Mr. Chen received a bachelor's degree in international law from East China University and an EMBA degree from Guanghua School of Management at the Peking University.

**Watanabe Mototake, Director.** Mr. Watanabe serves as a corporate advisor to SJI, Inc. (Jasdaq Market), a provider of computer and computer peripheral equipment and software merchant wholesaler, and has served in several capacities there since July 2005, including operating officer, manager of the president's office and corporate auditor. From June 2007 to June 2008, Mr. Watanabe served as the Corporate Auditor for SJ Holdings, Inc., a provider of information services such as system development and provision of system-related consulting and maintenance support services. From April 2000 to April 2005, Mr. Watanabe served as the executive director for TCC Inc., a power conversion company specializing in high quality connectors and adapters for the RF connector industry. Mr. Watanabe graduated in 1966 from Chuo University Faculty of Commerce in Japan.

**Douglas MacLellan, Director.** Mr. MacLellan currently serves as chairman of eWellness Healthcare Corporation (OTCQB: EWLL), a distance monitored physical therapy telemedicine company. Until April 2014, he was chairman and chief executive officer at Radient Pharmaceuticals Corporation, a vertically integrated specialty pharmaceutical company, and also serves as president and chief executive officer for the MacLellan Group, an international financial advisory firm established in 1992, where he advises clients on strategic planning, operational activities, corporate finance, economic policy, asset allocation and mergers & acquisitions. From August 2005 to May 2009, Mr. MacLellan was co-founder and vice chairman at Ocean Smart, Inc., a Canadian based aquaculture company. From February 2002 to September 2006, Mr. MacLellan served as chairman and co-founder at Broadband Access MarketSpace, Ltd., a China based IT advisory firm, and was also a co-founder at Datalex Corp., a software and IT company specializing in mainframe applications, from February 1997 to May 2002. Mr. MacLellan was educated at the University of Southern California in economic and international relations.

**Chang Qiu, Director.** Mr. Qiu has served as a Principal of Sansar Capital Management since 2007. From 2001 through 2007, Mr. Qiu served as the Founder, Managing Director and Senior Equity Analyst of Forun Technologies.



Prior to that, Mr. Qiu worked at IBM and other organizations in business and research functions. Mr. Qiu received an MBA degree from Columbia Business School, a Ph.D degree from Colorado School of Mines, and a bachelor's degree from Wuhan University, China.

The business experience during at least the last five years of the Company's executive officers not included above is as follows:

**Zhige Zhang, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.** Mr. Zhang has served as Chief Financial Officer of ChinaNet since January 2009. Prior to that role, from January 2008 to January 2009, Mr. Zhang served as Executive Director of ChinaNet Online Media Group Limited. From January 2007 to December 2007, Mr. Zhang was Director and Vice President of Fu Jian Rong Ji Software Limited Corporation, a software company. From August 2002 to December 2006, Mr. Zhang acted as Chief Operating Officer of Beijing HSHZ Information System Engineering Company, a computer technology company. Mr. Zhang holds a degree in industry design from Guilin University of Electronic Technology.

**Ken Jenfeng Wu, Chief Information Officer.** Mr. Wu has served as our Chief Information Officer since February 2015. From 2012 to 2014, Mr. Wu served as the Managing Director of Trussti Technologies Pte Ltd. From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Wu served as the Chief Technology Officer of Blackwell Global Investments (Cyprus) Limited. Mr. Wu holds a Bachelor of Computer Science and Engineering from Tatung University, Taiwan.

**Mable Mingyu Chang, Chief Branding Officer.** Ms. Chang has served as our Chief Branding Officer since April 2015. Prior to that role, from March 2011 to March 2015, Ms. Chang acted as the General Manager of our operating subsidiaries in Quanzhou City, Fujian Province, the PRC, which are primarily engaged in providing offline brand management and sales channel building services. Ms. Chang has over fifteen years of experience in brand management and consulting services and acted as brand consultant in several international advertising firms, including The Brand Union, Ogilvy and Lintas Beijing. Ms. Chang holds a Bachelor of Food Science from National Chung Hsing, Taiwan.

## **Family Relationships**

No director or executive officer is related to any other director or executive officer.

## **Board Operations**

### *Board Leadership Structure*

Mr. Handong Cheng holds the positions of chief executive officer and chairman of the Board of the Company. The Board believes that Mr. Cheng's services as both chief executive officer and chairman of the Board is in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders. Mr. Cheng possesses detailed and in-depth knowledge of the issues, opportunities and challenges facing the Company in the advertising and media industry and its business and is thus best positioned to develop agendas that ensure that the Board's time and attention are focused on the most critical matters relating to the business of the Company. His combined role enables decisive leadership, ensures clear accountability, and enhances the Company's ability to communicate its message and strategy clearly and consistently to the Company's stockholders, employees and customers.

The Board has not designated a lead director. Given the limited number of directors comprising the Board, the independent directors call and plan their executive sessions collaboratively and, between meetings of the Board, communicate with management and one another directly. Under these circumstances, the directors believe designating a lead director to take on responsibility for functions in which they all currently participate might detract from rather than enhance performance of their responsibilities as directors.

*Director Qualifications*

The Company seeks directors with established strong professional reputations and experience in areas relevant to the strategy and operations of its businesses. The Company also seeks directors who possess the qualities of integrity and candor, who have strong analytical skills and who are willing to engage management and each other in a constructive and collaborative fashion, in addition to the ability and commitment to devote time and energy to service on the Board and its committees. We believe that all of our directors meet the foregoing qualifications.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board believe that the leadership skills and other experience of the Board members, as described below, provide the Company with a range of perspectives and judgment necessary to guide our strategies and monitor their execution.

**Handong Cheng.** Mr. Cheng is the founder of the Company and has been serving the franchise and advertising media industries for more than ten years. In 2003, he participated in the establishment of Beijing ChinaNet Online Advertising limited and Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Networking Technology Ltd. ([www.28.com](http://www.28.com)), an entity engaged in operational, administration and management activities. Mr. Cheng has contributed to the Board's strong leadership and vision for the development of the Company.

**George Chu.** Mr. Chu has been our Chief Operating Officer and Secretary since May 2010. Mr. Chu has years of experience in capital markets, financial and business management.

**Douglas MacLellan.** Mr. MacLellan has been working in China since 1983 and has experience with joint venture and wholly-foreign owned enterprise structuring. In addition, Mr. MacLellan has nearly twenty years of active audit committee chair experience.

**Zhiqing Chen.** Mr. Chen contributes to the Board extensive legal knowledge with respect to foreign investments and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Chen also has experience working with PRC enterprises and international corporations.

**Mototake Watanabe.** Mr. Watanabe has nearly twenty years of experience in management, finance, business strategy and audit.

**Chang Qiu.** Mr. Qiu has extensive experience working with PRC enterprises and international corporations. Mr. Qiu contributes to the Board his knowledge with respect to foreign investments, business strategy and corporate finance.

#### *Meetings of the Board of Directors*

The Board held five meetings during 2015. During 2015, no director attended fewer than 75% of the meetings of the Board and Board committees of which the director was a member.

The Company's directors are expected to attend board meetings as frequently as necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities and to spend the time needed to prepare for each such meeting. The Company's directors are expected to attend annual meetings of stockholders, but we do not have a formal policy requiring them to do so. All of our directors attended the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Company adopted a Code of Ethics applicable to its directors, officers and employees on December 21, 2009. The Code of Ethics is designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote ethical conduct and full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable reports that the Company files or submits to the Securities and Exchange Commission and others. A printed copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained free of charge by writing to us at our headquarters located at No. 3

Min Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing, PRC 100195 or on our website, [www.chinanet-online.com](http://www.chinanet-online.com).

## **Board Committees**

The Board has a standing audit, compensation, and nominating and corporate governance committee, comprised solely of independent directors. Each committee has a charter, which is available at the Company's website, [www.chinanet-online.com](http://www.chinanet-online.com).

### *Audit Committee*

The Audit Committee, which is established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act, engages Company's independent accountants, reviewing their independence and performance; reviews the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the integrity of its financial statements; the audits of the Company's financial statements and the appointment, compensation, qualifications, independence and performance of the Company's independent auditors; the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and the performance of the Company's internal audit function and internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee held four meetings during 2015.

The members of the Audit Committee are Douglas MacLellan, Chair, Zhiqing Chen and Mototake Watanabe. The Board has determined that Douglas MacLellan is an audit committee financial expert, as defined in the Exchange Act.

#### *Audit Committee Report*

With respect to the audit of the Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, the Audit Committee:

- reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management;
- discussed with the Company's independent accountants the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1, AU section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T; and
- received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent accountant required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with the independent accountant the independent accountant's independence.

Based upon the foregoing review and discussion, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed on April 14, 2016.

Douglas MacLellan, Chair

Zhiqing Chen

Mototake Watanabe

#### *Compensation Committee*

The Compensation Committee reviews annually the Company's corporate goals and objectives relevant to the officers' compensation, evaluates the officers' performance in light of such goals and objectives, determines and approves the officers' compensation level based on this evaluation; makes recommendations to the Board regarding approval, disapproval, modification, or termination of existing or proposed employee benefit plans, makes recommendations to the Board with respect to non-CEO and non-CFO compensation and administers the Company's incentive-compensation plans and equity-based plans. The Compensation Committee has the authority to delegate any of its responsibilities to subcommittees as it may deem appropriate in its sole discretion. The chief executive officer of the Company may not be present during voting or deliberations of the Compensation Committee with respect to his

compensation. The Company's executive officers do not play a role in suggesting their own salaries. Neither the Company nor the Compensation Committee has engaged any compensation consultant who has a role in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive or director compensation. The Compensation Committee held one meeting during 2015.

The members of the Compensation Committee are Douglas MacLellan, Chair, Zhiqing Chen and Mototake Watanabe.

*Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee*

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assists the Board in identifying qualified individuals to the Board as its nominees for election as directors, in determining the composition of the Board, and in assessing the Board's effectiveness. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee did not hold any meetings during 2015.

The members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Zhiqing Chen, Chair, Douglas MacLellan and Mototake Watanabe.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by security holders. Potential nominees to the Board are required to have such experience in business or financial matters as would make such nominee an asset to the Board and may, under certain circumstances, be required to be “independent”, as such term is defined under Rule 5605 of the listing standards of NASDAQ and applicable SEC regulations. Security holders wishing to submit the name of a person as a potential nominee to the Board must send the name, address, and a brief (no more than 500 words) biographical description of such potential nominee to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee at the following address: Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors, c/o ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc., No. 3 Min Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing, PRC. Potential director nominees will be evaluated by personal interview, such interview to be conducted by one or more members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and/or any other method the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee deems appropriate, which may, but need not, include a questionnaire. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may solicit or receive information concerning potential nominees from any source it deems appropriate. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee need not engage in an evaluation process unless (i) there is a vacancy on the Board, (ii) a director is not standing for re-election, or (iii) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not intend to recommend the nomination of a sitting director for re-election. A potential director nominee recommended by a security holder will not be evaluated differently from any other potential nominee. Although it has not done so in the past, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may retain search firms to assist in identifying suitable director candidates.

The Board does not have a formal policy on Board candidate qualifications. The Board may consider those factors it deems appropriate in evaluating director nominees made either by the Board or stockholders, including judgment, skill, strength of character, experience with businesses and organizations comparable in size or scope to the Company, experience and skill relative to other Board members, and specialized knowledge or experience. Depending upon the current needs of the Board, certain factors may be weighed more or less heavily. In considering candidates for the Board, the directors evaluate the entirety of each candidate’s credentials and do not have any specific minimum qualifications that must be met. “Diversity,” as such, is not a criterion that the Committee considers. The directors will consider candidates from any reasonable source, including current Board members, stockholders, professional search firms or other persons. The directors will not evaluate candidates differently based on who has made the recommendation.

### **Stockholder Communications**

Stockholders can mail communications to the Board, c/o Secretary, ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc., No. 3 Min Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing, PRC, who will forward the correspondence to each addressee.



## **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires Company's directors and executive officers and any beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of Company equity security to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission and furnish copies of the reports to Company. Based solely on the Company's review of copies of such forms and written representations by Company's executive officers and directors received by it, Company believes that during 2015, all such reports were filed timely.

## **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### **Compensation of Executive Officers**

Our Board of Directors has not adopted or established a formal policy or procedure for determining the amount of compensation paid to our executive officers. No pre-established, objective performance goals or metrics have been used by the Board of Directors in determining the compensation of our executive officers.

### *Elements of Compensation*

Our executive officers receive a base salary to compensate them for services rendered during the year. In addition to their base salary, we also provide equity incentives to attract and retain executive talent for the Company's continued success.

**Base Salary and Bonus.** The value of base salary and bonus for each our executive reflects his skill set and the market value of that skill set in the sole discretion of the Board of Director.

**Equity Incentives.** The ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") provides for the granting of distribution equivalent rights, incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, performance share awards, performance unit awards, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards, stock appreciation rights, tandem stock appreciation rights, unrestricted stock awards or any combination of the foregoing, as may be best suited to the circumstances of the particular employee, director or consultant as provided therein (the "Awards"). Certain Awards are intended to qualify as "incentive stock options" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

**Retirement Benefits.** Our executive officers are not presently entitled to company-sponsored retirement benefits.

**Perquisites.** We have not provided our executive officers with any material perquisites and other personal benefits and, therefore, we do not view perquisites as a significant or necessary element of our executive's compensation.

**Deferred Compensation.** We do not provide our executives the opportunity to defer receipt of annual compensation.

### *Summary Compensation Table*

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of the named executive officers for each of the two fiscal years in the period ended December 31, 2015.

# **SUMMARY COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
		(\$)		(\$)	
Handong Cheng (Principal Executive Officer)	2015	35,174	780,000	51,583	866,757
	2014	37,898	780,000	-	817,898
Zhige Zhang (Principal Financial Officer)	2015	32,512	-	-	32,512
	2014	32,803	-	-	32,803
George Kai Chu (Chief Operating Officer and Secretary)	2015	31,491	780,000	43,197	854,688
	2014	32,444	780,000	-	812,444

(1) The aggregate grant date fair value of the restricted stock awarded to each named executive officer is computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

The aggregate grant date fair value of the options awarded to each executive officer is computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. One-third of the options were vested when awarded, an additional one-third of the (2) options will be vested on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining one-third of the option will be vested on the second anniversary of the date of grant. The exercise price of the options was \$0.84 per share and the options will expire on September 14, 2020.

Our executive officers are reimbursed by us for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with activities conducted on our behalf. There is no limit on the amount of these out-of-pocket expenses and there will be no review of the reasonableness of such expenses by anyone other than our Board, which includes persons who may seek reimbursement, or a court of competent jurisdiction if such reimbursement is challenged.

## Employment Agreements

We, through Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., our indirect wholly owned subsidiary (“Rise King WFOE”), or Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (Business Opportunity Online”) or Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (“Beijing CNET Online”), our indirect wholly owned Variable Interest Entities, entered into a standard employment contract with our executive officers from April 1, 2009 or the actual employment start date, if later, for a set period of years. According to these contracts, these executive officers will devote substantially all of his/her time to the service of the Company and may not compete directly or indirectly with us. These executive officers also agreed that in the event that his/her employment with us is terminated, for a period of two year following the date of his/her termination of employment, he/she will not contact, for any commercial purpose, or provide to a third party, information about clients or entities with which we were acquainted during the term of his employment with us. Subject to certain exceptions, either party may terminate the employment agreement upon 30 days prior written notice. Before April 1, 2009, we did not have any employment agreements with any of our executive officers.

The Company does not have change-in-control agreements with any of its directors or executive officers, and the Company is not obligated to pay severance or other enhanced benefits to executive officers upon termination of their employment.

## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL 2015 YEAR END

### OPTION AWARDS

### STOCK AWARDS

Equity

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock	Market Value of Shares or Units of	Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout
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			Underlying			That	Stock	Shares,	Value of
			Unexercised			Have	That	Units or	Unearned
			Unearned			Not	Have	Other	Shares,
			Options			Vested	Not	Rights	Units
			(#)			(#)	Vested	That	or Other
							(\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Have Not	Rights
								Vested	That
								(#)	Have
									Not
									Vested
									(\$)
Handong Cheng (Principal Executive Officer)	59,840	-	-	1.20	November 29, 2021	-	-	-	-
	82,833	165,667	-	0.84	September 14, 2020	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	666,667	460,000	-	-
Zhige Zhang (Principal Financial Officer)	16,500	-	-	1.20	November 29, 2021	-	-	-	-
George Kai Chu (Chief Operating Officer and Secretary)	7,740	-	-	1.20	November 29, 2021	-	-	-	-
	69,367	138,733	-	0.84	September 14, 2020	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	666,667	460,000	-	-

The aggregate market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested is computed based on the closing bid (1)price of the Company's common stock on April 25, 2016, which is \$0.69 per share, as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

## Compensation of Directors

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of each director, other than named executive officers, for fiscal 2015.

### FISCAL 2015 DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Name	Fees		Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Nonqualified		Total
	Earned	Stock			Deferred	All Other	
	or Paid	Awards			Compensation	Compensation	
	in Cash	(\$)			Earnings	(\$)	
	(\$)				(\$)		
Douglas MacLellan	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Zhiqing Chen	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	6,000
Mototaka Watanabe	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	6,000
Chang Qiu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

It is Company's policy to not enter any transaction (other than compensation arrangements in the ordinary course) with any director, executive officer, employee, or principal stockholder or party related to them, unless authorized by a majority of the directors having no interest in the transaction, upon a favorable recommendation by the Audit Committee (or a majority of its disinterested members).

### ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Common Stock, as of April 29, 2016, by each of the Company's directors and executive officers; all executive officers and directors as a group, and each person known to the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of Company's Common Stock. Except as otherwise noted, the persons identified have sole voting and investment powers with respect to their shares.

Name of Beneficial Owner (1)	Common Stock	
	Number	Percent
	of Shares	of Class (2)
Handong Cheng (3)(5)	9,662,505	31.68 %
Zhige Zhang (3)(6)	7,514,662	24.74 %
George Kai Chu (7)	2,150,977	7.07 %
Mable Mingyu Chang (8)	53,200	*
Ken Jenfeng Wu (9)	69,048	*
Zhiqing Chen (10)	160,000	*
Watanabe Mototake (11)	110,000	*
Douglas MacLellan (12)	80,000	*
Chang Qiu	-	-
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (9 persons)	12,360,480	40.10 %
Rise King Investments Limited (3)(4)	7,439,912	24.51 %
Xuanfu Liu (3)	7,439,912	24.51 %

\* Less than one percent.

(1) The address of each director and executive officer is c/o ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc., No. 3 Min Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing PRC 100195.

(2) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of Common Stock subject to securities anticipated to be exercisable or convertible at or within 60 days of April 29, 2016, are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding such option or warrant but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person. The indication herein that shares are anticipated to be beneficially owned is not an admission on the part of the listed stockholder that he, she or it is or will be a direct or indirect beneficial owner of those shares.

(3) Rise King Investments Limited (“Rise King”) is collectively owned by Handong Cheng, Xuanfu Liu and Zhige Zhang. As a result, Mr. Cheng, Mr. Liu and Mr. Zhang may be deemed to be beneficial owners of the shares of our common stock held by Rise King. Each of Mr. Cheng, Mr. Liu and Mr. Zhang disclaim such beneficial ownership, and nothing herein shall be deemed to be an admission that Mr. Cheng, Mr. Liu or Mr. Zhang is the beneficial owner of any such shares for any purpose. Information regarding this beneficial owner is furnished in reliance upon the Form 4, dated August 18, 2015.

(4) The business address of Rise King Investments Limited is P.O. Box 957, Offshore Incorporations Center, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Information regarding this beneficial owner is furnished in reliance upon the



Schedule 13D, dated July 6, 2009.

(5) Consists of (i) 7,439,912 shares of common stock owned by Rise King and which are deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Cheng; (ii) 2,079,920 shares of common stock owned directly by Mr. Cheng; and (iii) options to purchase up to 142,673 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(6) Consists of (i) 7,439,912 shares of common stock of which are owned by Rise King and which are deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Zhang; (ii) 58,250 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Zhang; and (iii) options to purchase up to 16,500 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(7) Consists of (i) 2,073,870 shares of common stock and (ii) options to purchase up to 77,107 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(8) Consists of (i) 38,200 shares of common stock and (ii) options to purchase up to 15,000 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(9) Consists of (i) 54,048 shares of common stock and (ii) options to purchase up to 15,000 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(10) Consists of (i) 100,000 shares of common stock and (ii) options to purchase up to 60,000 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(11) Consists of (i) 50,000 shares of common stock and (ii) options to purchase up to 60,000 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

(12) Consists of options to purchase up to 80,000 shares of the Company's common stock that are exercisable within 60 days from April 29, 2016.

### **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

#### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

Related parties of the Company represented direct or indirect unconsolidated investees of the Company or entities that are directly or indirectly owned by Mr. Handong Cheng or Mr. Xuanfu Liu, the owners of the Company's PRC VIEs, Business Opportunities Online and Beijing CNET Online before the Company's offshore restructuring. The Company provides advertising and marketing services to the following related parties in its normal course of business on the same terms as those provided to its unrelated clients.

#### Revenue from related parties:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
	US\$('000)	US\$('000)
-Beijing Saturday Education Technology Co., Ltd.	298	91
-Chuangshi Meiwei (Beijing) International Investment Management Co., Ltd.	346	-
-Beijing Saimeiwei Food Equipment Technology Co., Ltd.	99	260
-Beijing Fengshangyinli Technology Co., Ltd.	-	2
	743	353

#### **Director Independence**

The Board has determined that Watanabe Mototake, Zhiqing Chen, Douglas MacLellan and Chang Qiu are "independent" under the current independence standards of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Marketplace Rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC and meet the criteria set forth in Rule 10A(m)(3) under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

## ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

### Services and Fees of Independent Accountants

Marcum Bernstein & Pinchuk LLP served as the Company's independent accountants for fiscal 2015. Aggregate fees billed to the Company by Marcum Bernstein & Pinchuk LLP during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

<b>Fees</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Audit Fees	\$241,150	\$230,000
Audit Related Fees	\$	\$-
Tax Fees	\$	\$-
All Other Fees	\$10,000	\$8,500
Total	\$251,150	\$238,500

### *Audit Fees*

This category includes aggregate fees billed by our independent auditors for the audit of our annual financial statements, review of financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and services that are normally provided by the auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings for those fiscal years.

### *Audit-Related Fees*

This category consists of services by our independent auditors that, including accounting consultations on transaction related matters, are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported above under Audit Fees.

### *Tax Fees*

This category consists of professional services rendered for tax compliance and preparation of our corporate tax returns and other tax advice.

### *All Other Fees*

This category consists of professional services rendered for products and services provided, other than the services reported above under Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees and Tax Fees.

## **Pre-Approval of Services**

The Audit Committee must pre-approve all audit, review, attest and permissible non-audit services (including any permissible internal control-related services) to be provided to the company or its subsidiaries by the independent auditors. The Audit Committee may establish pre-approval policies and procedures in compliance with applicable SEC rules. All services described under the caption Services and Fees of Independent Accountants were pre-approved.

## **Part IV**

**ITEM 15 Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

- a) The following are filed with this report:
- (1) The financial statements listed on the Financial Statement's Table of Contents
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) The exhibits referred to below, which include the following managerial contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements:

Share Exchange Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2009, by and among Emazing Interactive, Inc., G. Edward Hancock, China Net Online Media Group Limited, and the shareholders of China Net Online Media Group Limited.(1)

2.2 Agreement and Plan of Merger (2)

3.1 Articles of Incorporation of Emazing Interactive, Inc., as amended (1)

3.2 Articles of Merger. (2)

- 3.3 By-laws. (4)
- 4.1\* 2011 Omnibus Securities and Incentive Plan (9)
- 4.2\* ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. (13)
- 10.1 Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, dated October 8, 2008, by and between Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. and Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.2 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Handong Cheng with respect to Mr. Cheng's equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.3 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Xuanfu Liu with respect to Mr. Liu's equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.4 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Li Sun with respect to Ms. Sun's equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.5 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Handong Cheng with respect to Mr. Cheng's equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.6 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Xuanfu Liu with respect to Mr. Liu's equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.7 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Li Sun with respect to Ms. Sun's equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.8 Power of Attorney of Handong Cheng, dated as of October 8, 2008, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as his agent and attorney in connection with his equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.9 Power of Attorney of Xuanfu Liu, dated as of October 8, 2008, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as his agent and attorney in connection with his equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.10 Power of Attorney of Li Sun, dated as of October 8, 2008, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as her agent and attorney in connection with her equity interest in Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.11 Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, dated October 8, 2008, by and between Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. and Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)

- 10.12 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Handong Cheng with respect to Mr. Cheng's equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.13 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Xuanfu Liu with respect to Mr. Liu's equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.14 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Li Sun with respect to Ms. Sun's equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.15 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Handong Cheng with respect to Mr. Cheng's equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.16 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Xuanfu Liu with respect to Mr. Liu's equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.17 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2008, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Li Sun with respect to Ms. Sun's equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.18 Power of Attorney of Handong Cheng, dated as of October 8, 2008, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as his agent and attorney in connection with his equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.19 Power of Attorney of Xuanfu Liu, dated as of October 8, 2008, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as his agent and attorney in connection with his equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.20 Power of Attorney of Li Sun, dated as of October 8, 2008, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as her agent and attorney in connection with her equity interest in Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.21 Entrustment Agreement, dated June 5, 2009, by and between Rise King Investments Limited and Handong Cheng, Xuanfu Liu and Li Sun. (1)
- 10.22 Share Transfer Agreement, dated April 28, 2009, by and between Yang Li and Handong Cheng. (1)
- 10.23 Share Transfer Agreement, dated April 28, 2009, by and between Yang Li and Xuanfu Liu. (1)
- 10.24 Share Transfer Agreement, dated April 28, 2009, by and between Yang Li and Li Sun. (1)
- 10.25 Internet Banking Experiencing All-in-One Engine Strategic Cooperation Agreement, dated August 7, 2008, by and between Henan Branch of China Construction Bank and Shanghai Borongdingsi Computer Technology Co., Ltd. (1)

- 10.26 Cooperation Agreement, dated July 8, 2008, by and between Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Borongdingsi Computer Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.27 Supplemental Agreement to the Cooperation Agreement, dated December 10, 2008, by and between Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Borongdingsi Computer Technology Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.28 Office Lease Agreement, dated January 1, 2009, by and between Beijing YuQuanHuiGu Realty Management Ltd. Co. and Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Ltd. Co. (1)
- 10.29 Office Lease Agreement, dated January 1, 2009, by and between Beijing YuQuanHuiGu Realty Management Ltd. Co. and Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.30 Office Lease Agreement, dated January 1, 2009, by and between Beijing YuQuanHuiGu Realty Management Ltd. Co. and Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (1)
- 10.31 Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2009. (3)
- 10.32 Securities Escrow Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2009. (3)
- 10.33\* Independent Director Agreement effective as of November 30, 2009 by and between the Company and Douglas MacLellan. (5)
- 10.34\* Independent Director Agreement effective as of November 30, 2009 by and between the Company and Mototaka Watanabe. (5)
- 10.35\* Independent Director Agreement effective as of November 30, 2009 by and between the Company and Zhiqing Chen. (5)
- 10.36 Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2010, by and between Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. and Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
- 10.37 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2010, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Wei Yanmin and Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
- 10.38 Exclusive Option Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2010, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Wu Huamin and Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
- 10.39 Equity Interest Pledge Agreement dated as of December 6, 2010, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Wei Yanmin and Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
- Equity Interest Pledge Agreement dated as of December 6, 2010, by and among Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., Wu Huamin and Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
- 10.40 Power of Attorney of Wei Yanmin, dated as of December 6, 2010, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as his exclusive agent and attorney in connection with his equity interest in Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
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- Power of Attorney of Wu Huamin, dated as of December 6, 2010, appointing Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. as his exclusive agent and attorney in connection with his equity interest in Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement & Media Co., Ltd. (8)
- Equity Transfer Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2011, Among Business Opportunity Online (Hubei) Network Technology Co., Ltd., Liu Yihang, Wei Yanmin and Soo Yi Lian Mei Network Technology (Beijing) Co. Ltd. (10)
- English Translation of the Equity Transfer Agreement by and among Business Opportunity Online (Hubei) Network Technology Co., Ltd., Liu Yihong and Sou Yi Lian Mei Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd., dated September 10, 2012. (11)
- Securities Purchase Agreement, dated May 5, 2015. (7)
- Lock-Up Agreement, dated May 5, 2015. (7)
- Securities Purchase Agreement, dated May 26, 2015. (12)
- Lock-Up Agreement, dated May 26, 2015. (12)
- Code of Ethics (6)
- Subsidiaries of the Registrant
- Consent of Marcum Bernstein & Pinchuk LLP
- Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. +
- Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. +
- Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. +

+ Filed herewith

\* Denotes managerial contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements:

- (1) Incorporated by reference herein to the Report on Form 8-K filed on July 2, 2009.
- (2) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 24, 2009.
- (3) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 27, 2009.
- (4) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 20, 2006.
- (5) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 2, 2009.

- (6) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 21, 2009
- (7) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 31, 2011.
- (8) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on May 11, 2011.
- (9) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 16, 2011.
- (10) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 11, 2012.
- (11) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2015.
- (12) Incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 28, 2015.
- (13) Incorporated by reference herein to Appendix A to the Company's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 30, 2015.

(b) The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index are filed as part of this report.

(c) Not applicable.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Handong Cheng  
Name: Handong Cheng  
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Handong Cheng  
Name: Handong Cheng  
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Zhige Zhang  
Name: Zhige Zhang  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ George Kai Chu  
Name: George Kai Chu  
Title: Director

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Zhiqing Chen  
Name: Zhiqing Chen  
Title: Director

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Mototaka Watanabe  
Name: Mototaka Watanabe  
Title: Director

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Douglas MacLellan  
Name: Douglas MacLellan  
Title: Director

Dated: April 29, 2016 By: /s/ Chang Qiu  
Name: Changhua Qiu  
Title: Director