

ChinaNet Online Holdings Announces CFO Transition

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BEIJING, July 08, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ChinaNet-Online Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNET) ("ChinaNet" or the "Company"), an integrated online advertising, precision marketing, and data analysis and management platform company, today announced the appointment of Mr. Mark Li to the position of the Company's Chief Financial Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Zhige Zhang has resigned from the role of Chief Financial Officer due to personal reasons.

Mr. Mark Li has 20 years of experience working in financial roles. Most recently, Mr. Li served as Chief Financial Officer for DMG Entertainment & Media, a global entertainment and media company with operations in North America and Asia. Prior to this role, Mr. Li served as Financial Director at China Digital Culture and in other senior financial management positions. Mr. Li holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Chongqing Institute of Industry Management and a master's degree in Finance from Central University of Finance and Economics. Mr. Li is a member of both the China Institute of Certified Public Accounts (CICPA) and Association of Chartered Certified Accounts (ACCA).

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and management team, I would like to thank Zhige Zhang for his service and time spent at CNET. We are all very appreciative of his contributions to the company. We are also very pleased to welcome Mark to the Company. Mark brings an immense amount of financial expertise to the team as well as many years of leadership and operational experience in financial management," said Mr. Handong Cheng, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of ChinaNet.

About ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc., a parent company of ChinaNet Online Media Group Ltd., incorporated in the BVI (ChinaNet), is an integrated online advertising, precision marketing and data-analysis and management services platform. ChinaNet provides prescriptive analysis for its clients to improve business outcomes and to create more efficient enterprises. The Company leverages an optimization framework, provided by its comprehensive data-analysis infrastructure, to blend data, mathematical, and computational sciences into an outcome management platform for which it monetizes on a per client basis. ChinaNet uniquely optimizes and prescribes its clients decision making processes based on its proprietary ecosystem. For more information, visit www.chinanet-online.com.

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