## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 5, 2019

<u>ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.</u> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-34647 (Commission File Number) 20-4672080 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

No. 3 Min Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing, PRC 100195

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +86-10-60846616

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	CNET	Nasdaq Capital Market

## Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 5, 2019, Watanabe Mototaka resigned as a director of ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") and as a member of the Company's audit, compensation, and nominating and corporate governance committees. Mr. Watanabe's resignation did not result from any disagreement with the Company.

On that same day, Mr. Pau Chung Ho was appointed to fill the vacancy created from Mr. Watanabe's resignation. The Company has determined that Mr. Pau qualifies as independent director as such term is defined by Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Marketplace Rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (the "Nasdaq Marketplace Rules") and Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Mr. Pau, age 60, has served as the General Manager of The Regal Riverfront Hotel Jiangmen from April 2018 to date. From February 2014 to June 2017, he served as the General Manager of The Holiday Inn Resort Chaohu, and from September 2011 to February 2014, Mr. Pau served as the General Manager of The Regal Poly Guiyang Hotel. Mr. Pau holds a Bachelors of Arts in Hospitality Management from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Mr. Pau has no family relationships with any of the executive officers or directors of the Company. There have been no transactions in the past two years to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party, in which Mr. Pau had, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest.

## SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 5, 2019

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Handong Cheng

Name: Handong Cheng Title: Chief Executive Officer