FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MACLELLAN DOUGLAS | 2. Date of Even Requiring State (Month/Day/Yea | ment | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. [CNET] | | | | | |
|--|--|------------|---|--------------|--|--|---|---|
| CHARLES | 11/30/2009 | ĺ | 4. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) | | , , | (Mc | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) NO. 3 MIN ZHUANG ROAD, BUILDING 6, QUAN HUI GU TUSPARK, HAIDIAN DISTRICT (Street) BEIJING, F4 100195 | | | X Director Officer (give title below) | | 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur | | | 4. Conversion or | Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | n Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (1) | 11/30/2014 | 1 | Common Stock | 24,000 | 5 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (2) | 11/30/2014 | 1 | Common Stock | 20,000 | 5 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vests in equal quarterly annual installments over 24 months from the date of the grant, so long as Mr. MacLellan serves as a member of the board of directors of the issuer.
- 2. The option vests in equal quarterly annual installments over 24 months from the date of the grant, so long as Mr. MacLellan serves as the issuer's audit committee chairman.

/s/ Douglas MacLellan 11/30/2009 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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