



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

On July 8, 2019, Zhige Zhang resigned as the Chief Financial Officer of ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”). Mr. Zhang’s resignation did not result from any disagreement with the Company.

On that same day, Mark Li was appointed as the Company’s new Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Li, age 44, has twenty (20) years of experience working in financial roles. Prior to joining the Company, 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).

Mr. Li 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. Li had, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest.

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**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: July 8, 2019

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Handong Cheng  
Name: Handong Cheng  
Title: Chief Executive Officer