

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): December 6, 2017

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.
(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.

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

On December 6, 2017, Douglas MacLellan resigned as an independent director of ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) and as Chairman of the Company’s Audit Committee and member of the Company’s Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. MacLellan’s resignation did not result from any disagreement with the Company.

Chang Qui has been appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company to replace Mr. MacLellan.

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: December 8, 2017

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

By: s/ Handong Cheng

Name: Handong Cheng

Title: Chief Executive Officer