

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