

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **June 21, 2012**

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**ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-52672**  
(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)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **+86-10-51600828**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On June 21, 2012, ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Yang Zhenghong as its Chief Technology Officer effective immediately.

The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated June 21, 2012.

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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.

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

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(Registrant)

June 27, 2012

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/s/ GEORGE CHU

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(Date)

George Chu  
Chief Operating Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated June 21, 2012.

## ChinaNet Online Holdings Hires New Chief Technology Officer

BEIJING, June 21, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNET) (the "Company"), a leading B2B (business to business) Internet technology company focusing on providing online-to-offline ("O2O") sales channel expansion services for small and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") and entrepreneurial management and networking services for entrepreneurs in the People's Republic of China, today announced that Yang Zhenghong has joined the Company as its Chief Technology Officer ("CTO") effective immediately. Mr. Yang will oversee ChinaNet's IT infrastructure and development roadmap.

"On behalf of the management and board, I would like to welcome Mr. Yang to ChinaNet," stated George Chu, Chief Operating Officer of ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. "One of his main responsibilities will be to deepen our strategic relationships with search engine partners in China. With in-depth knowledge of software and cloud computing, Mr. Yang will help us strengthen our brand in the SME space and accelerate the penetration of our target market - which is estimated to be 10% of the 40 million small businesses in China."

Prior to joining ChinaNet, Yang Zhenghong was responsible for enterprise content management software and cloud computing platform development and implementation at the IBM research lab in Silicon Valley from 1999 to 2011. He was the CTO of English Solution, Inc. from 1998 to 1999. Mr. Yang has a Master's degree in Computer Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He was also the head of the next-generation Internet Access System National Engineering Laboratory of Cloud Computing Research Institute at Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

### About ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

The Company, a parent company of ChinaNet Online Media Group Ltd., incorporated in the BVI ("ChinaNet"), is a leading B2B (business to business) Internet technology company focusing on providing O2O (online to offline) sales channel expansion service for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurial management and networking service for entrepreneurs in China. The Company, through certain contractual arrangements with operating companies in the PRC, provides Internet advertising and other services for Chinese SMEs via its portal websites, 28.com, Liansuo.com and Chuangye.com, TV commercials and program production via China-Net TV, and in-house LCD advertising on banking kiosks targeting Chinese banking patrons. Website: <http://www.chinanet-online.com>.

### Safe Harbor

This release contains certain "forward-looking statements" relating to the business of ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc., which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including business uncertainties relating to government regulation of our industry, market demand, reliance on key personnel, future capital requirements, competition in general and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated or expected. Certain of these risks and uncertainties are or will be described in greater detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are based on ChinaNet's current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on the company. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting ChinaNet will be those anticipated by ChinaNet. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond the control of the Company) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. ChinaNet undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

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