

ChinaNet Online Holdings Increases Full Year 2012 Revenue Guidance to at Least \$46 Million

BEIJING, Nov. 27, 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 the Company is increasing its 2012 full year revenue guidance to at least \$46 million from \$42 million previously provided. The Company had previously raised its net income guidance to \$3.1 million on October 11, 2012.

"Our new products and services are gaining traction with small business and enterprise customers," explained Mr. George Chu, COO of ChinaNet. "The increase in our revenue guidance reflects a better than expected uptake in TV advertising and internet marketing services such as Liansuo.com and other value added internet marketing services based on cloud-based technology, as well as brand management services such as brand marketing with Weibo360 solutions and other brand managements solutions. As the economy in China continues to improve, we believe that we are well positioned to capture an increasing share of the overall growth in the economy."

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 services for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurial management and networking services 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, <u>28.com</u>, <u>Liansuo.com</u> and <u>Chuangye.com</u>, TV commercials and program production via China-Net TV, and in-house LCD advertising on banking kiosks targeting Chinese banking patrons. Website: <u>http://www.chinanet-online.com</u>.

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