



## ChinaNet Online Holdings to Begin Trading on the NASDAQ Global Market

BEIJING, Sept. 3 /PRNewswire-Asia/ -- ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. ("ChinaNet", NYSE Amex: CNET), a leading full-service media development, and internet technology company for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the People's Republic of China, today announced that its board of directors has approved the decision to switch the listing of its common stock from NYSE Amex to the NASDAQ Global Market and that it has been approved for such listing. The Company currently expects that its stock will commence trading on NASDAQ on September 14, 2010 and will continue to be listed under the ticker symbol "CNET". The Company's common stock will continue to trade on the NYSE Amex until the market close on September 13, 2010.

Announcing the listing transition, Mr. Handong Cheng, Chairman and CEO of the Company, said, "Given ChinaNet's continued success and ongoing opportunities, moving to the electronic market model will broaden our visibility to investors. We believe that NASDAQ's market maker structure will also provide our company increased trading liquidity, while at the same time providing investors with the best prices and the fastest execution."

### About ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

ChinaNet Online Holdings Inc. (hereafter ChinaNet, NASDAQ: CNET), a leading B2B full-service media development and internet technology company connecting entrepreneurs in China with global business opportunity. ChinaNet focuses on small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), especially franchise business, providing online advertising, content and brand management solutions, and offering online management tools on a multichannel communication platform. The headquarters is located in Beijing with other branches in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Wuhan. As a technology and strategy-driven investment holding company, serving for Chinese medium and small companies and entrepreneurs is currently our fundamental purpose; relevant diversification is our principle of investment, initially to form the Internet advertising and product services, television advertising, program production and delivery, interbank media, marketing and brand planning and their core businesses. Under the leadership of Mr. Handong Cheng, who is the Chairman and CEO of ChinaNet, the company has been growing continuously since its establishment in 2003 with all aspects of operations to be the leading company in the Chinese online merchant join industry. ChinaNet Online taking the meaning "online network for Chinese people," it indicates that through innovative products and services for medium and small enterprises and entrepreneurs to create an ideal entrepreneurial home.

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