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## ChinaNet Online Holdings to Participate in 19th Beijing International Franchise Expo

BEIJING, April 3, 2013 (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 its subsidiary - [Liansuo.com](http://Liansuo.com) ([www.liansuo.com](http://www.liansuo.com)) — will be a co-host of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Beijing International Franchise Expo ("Franchise Expo") to be held at the Beijing National Agricultural Exhibition from April 5 to April 6, 2013.

As the media co-host of this year's Franchise Expo, [Liansuo.com](http://Liansuo.com) will run promotions and publicity for the Franchise Expo, provide video interviews for the 300+ companies in attendance, offer project consulting services on site for entrepreneurs, and disseminate news reports after the exhibition.

Beijing International Franchise Exhibition is a leading industry event for entrepreneurs and business owners in China. Founded by Beijing Xiximu International Exhibition Co., Ltd., the Franchise Expo has been a valuable advocate for the franchise industry, helping the industry and its participants grow and evolve over the past 18 years. Approximately 60 businesses, 400 exhibitors and 50,000 attendees are expected to participate in this year's event.

More information about the Exhibition can be found at the following link: <http://www.xiximu.com/>

### 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](http://28.com), [Liansuo.com](http://Liansuo.com) and [Chuangye.com](http://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>.

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