

ChinaNet Online's 28.com Receives High Rating With Baidu

BEIJING, Sept. 5, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNET) ("ChinaNet" or the "Company"), a leading B2B (business to business) Internet technology company 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, announced today that its <u>28.com</u> website has received a V3 ranking from Baidu, which is its top credit rating.

"We are very excited to achieve this prestigious rating," said George Chu, the Chief Operating Officer of ChinaNet. "It shows that there is high user trust from the industry and is a great platform for <u>28.com</u> to expand its notoriety in the China franchise industry. Baidu is big in China and since the population of China is more than a billion, if you rank well with Baidu, this can make your site more reliable and sustainable. On the Chinese market, the share of Baidu is around 60% and it is the most popular Chinese language search engine."

About 28.com

ChinaNet offers <u>28.com</u>, a web portal that connects SME franchisors with new franchisees, Internet advertising and marketing with other value-added communication channels, brand management & sales solutions, and cloud-based management tools. <u>28.com</u> is a premier Internet property in the China SME community and the largest merchant marketplace for franchise opportunity seekers in China.

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, <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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