## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 8, 2016

<u>ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.</u> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-34647 (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 and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +86-10-69005520

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

## Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 8, 2015, ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") received a letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") notifying the Company that, based on the previous 30 consecutive business days, the Company's listed security no longer met the minimum \$1.0 bid price per share requirement. Therefore, in accordance with NASDAQ Listing Rules (the "Rules"), the Company was provided 180 calendar days, or until March 7, 2016, to regain compliance.

The Company's stock has not regained compliance with the minimum \$1.0 bid price per share requirement. However, NASDAQ has determined that the Company is eligible for an additional 180 calendar day period, or until September 6, 2016, to regain compliance. NASDAQ's determination was based on the Company meeting the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other applicable requirements for initial listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market with the exception of the bid price requirement, and the Company's written notice of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. If at any time during this additional time period the closing bid price of the Company's security is at least \$1.0 per share for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive business days, NASDAQ will provide written confirmation of compliance and the matter will be closed.

## 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.

Dated: March 9, 2016

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/Handong Cheng Name: Handong Cheng Title: Chief Executive Officer