

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.
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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): January 8, 2018

ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Nevada | 001-34647 | 20-4672080 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (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: +86-10-60846616

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 12, 2018, ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) and certain institutional investors entered into a securities purchase agreement, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell to such investors an aggregate of 2,150,001 shares of Common Stock together with warrants to purchase a total of 645,000 shares of Common Stock, for gross proceeds of approximately \$11.1 million. Each purchaser of shares of Common Stock will receive a warrant to purchase a number of shares equal to 30% of the number of shares of Common Stock the purchaser purchases in the offering with a warrant term of 30 months. The purchase price for each share of Common Stock and the related warrant is \$5.15. Each warrant has an exercise price of \$6.60. Each warrant is subject to anti-dilution provisions that require adjustment of the number of shares of Common Stock that may be acquired upon exercise of the warrant, or to the exercise price of such shares, or both, to reflect stock dividends and splits, subsequent rights offerings, pro-rata distributions, and certain fundamental transactions. The warrants also contain “full ratchet” price protection in the event of subsequent issuances below the applicable exercise price.

The closing of the offering is expected to take place on or about January 17, 2018, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

On January 8, 2018, the Company entered into a letter agreement with FT Global Capital, Inc., as exclusive placement agent (the “Placement Agent”), pursuant to which the Placement Agent has agreed to act as placement agent on a best efforts basis in connection with the above offering. The Company has agreed to pay the Placement Agent an aggregate fee equal to 6% of the gross proceeds from the sale of shares of Common Stock and related warrants in this offering. The Company has also agreed to issue to the Placement Agent a warrant to purchase a number of shares of Common Stock equal to 6.0% of the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock sold in this offering, which warrant will have an exercise price of \$6.60 per share and will terminate on the three-year anniversary of the closing of the offering. The Company also agreed to reimburse the Placement Agent for certain expenses, including \$15,000 for fees and expenses related to “blue sky” counsel and \$25,000 for additional legal expenses.

The shares of Common Stock, warrants to purchase Common Stock, and shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants will be issued pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), in connection with a takedown from the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-207466), which was declared effective by the SEC on October 29, 2015.

A copy of the letter agreement, form of securities purchase agreement and form of warrant are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 4.1, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing summaries of the terms of the letter agreement, securities purchase agreement and the warrants are subject to, and qualified in their

entirety by, such documents.

On January 12, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the offering. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>4.1</u> | <u>Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant</u> |
| <u>10.1</u> | <u>Letter Agreement, dated January 8, 2018, between ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. and FT Global Capital, Inc.</u> |
| <u>10.2</u> | <u>Form of Securities Purchase Agreement dated January 12, 2018, among ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. and certain institutional investors.</u> |
| <u>99.1</u> | <u>Press Release dated January 12, 2018</u> |

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: January 12, 2018 ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

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