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FORM 10-K

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

COMMISSION FILE NO. 000-52672 CHINANET ONLINE HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

90-0617940 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

No.3 Min Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tuspark, Haidian District, Beijing, PRC (Address of principal executive offices)

+011 86 51600828 (Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class

Name of Exchange On which Registered

\$0.001 Common Stock

Nasdaq Global Market

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes." No x

Check whether the issuer is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Yes "No x

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).*

Yes "No" *The Registrant has not yet been phased into the Interactive Data File requirements.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer " Accelerated Filer " Non-Accelerated Filer " Smaller Reporting Company x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

The aggregate market value of the 9,496,380 shares of common equity stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was approximately \$33,902,077 on the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, based on the last sale price of the registrant's common stock on such date of \$3.57 per share, as reported on the NYSE AMEX.

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value as of March 30, 2011 was 17,328,236.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement relating to the Registrant's 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K where indicated.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance. We have attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terminology including "anticipates", "believes", "expects", "can", "continue", "could", "estimates", "expects", "intends", "may", "plans", "predict", "should" or "will" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions. Uncertainties and other factors, including the risks outlined under Risk Factors contained in Item 1A of this Form 10-K, may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels or activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Our expectations are as of the date this Form 10-K is filed, and we do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements after the filing date to conform these statements to actual results, unless required by law.

We file annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and proxy and information statements and amendments to reports filed or furnished pursuant to Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You may read and copy these materials at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website (http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding us and other companies that file materials with the SEC electronically. You may also obtain copies of reports filed with the SEC, free of charge, via a link included on our website at www.chinanet-online.com.

PART I

ITEM 1 Business

We are a holding company that conducts our primary businesses through our subsidiaries and operating companies, Business Opportunity Online, Beijing CNET Online, Shanghai Borongdongsi and Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement Media Co., Ltd. We are one of China's leading business-to-business ("B2B") fully integrated internet service providers for expanding small and medium enterprises' ("SMEs") sales networks in China. Our services were founded on proprietary internet and advertising technologies that include (i) preparing and publishing rich media enabled advertising and marketing campaigns for clients on the Internet, mobile phone, television and other valued added communication channels, (ii) hosting mini-sites with online messaging and consulting functionalities, (iii) generating effective sales leads and (iv) providing online management tools to help SMEs manage the expansion of their sales networks. Our goal is to strengthen our position as the leading diversified one-stop internet service provider to SMEs for their sales network expansion in China. Our multi-channel advertising and promotion platform consists of the website www.28.com ("28.com"), our Internet advertising portal, ChinaNet TV, our TV production and advertising unit, and our bank kiosk advertising unit, which is primarily used as an advertising platform for clients in the financial services industry and will be further utilized as an additional value-added communication channel for SME clients.

We provide advertising, marketing and lead generation services to over 1,200 clients in a variety of consumer focused business categories including 883 active clients as of year ended December 31, 2010. Our advertising and marketing campaign services combine the Internet, mobile and television advertising, thereby maximizing advertising exposure for our clients; 28.com is a part of this advertising and promotion platform. Through the high traffic internet portal 28.com, operated through Business Opportunity Online, companies and entrepreneurs advertise their business information, brands, products and services, as well as other related business opportunities through their mini-sites hosted by 28.com. The platform also offers campaign management tools for our clients including lead generation and capture, advanced tracking, search engine marketing, search engine optimization, resource scheduling, and content management. Primarily through 28.com, our customers can build sales channels and develop relationships directly with franchisees, sales agents, distributors and/or resellers. It also functions as a one-stop destination for general public seeking new business opportunities or other business ventures. The ChinaNet TV division, which operates through Beijing CNET Online, has in-house television productions and distribution capabilities. We create and distribute television shows that are typically 10 or 20 minutes in length and broadcast on local television stations. Airtime is purchased in 40 minute blocks which are further segmented into two to four sub-blocks. The television shows are comprised of advertisements, similar to infomercials, and also include promotions for several clients during the allotted time. During 2010, we reduced the business scope of the TV division and integrated the TV division into our advertising and marketing platform as a part of the value-added services offered to our clients based on demand. The bank kiosk division, which operates through Shanghai Borongdongsi, provides interactive LCD ad displays and targets banking customers. In cooperation with the China Construction Bank, in 2009 we placed 200 interactive kiosks in its branches throughout Henan Province. During 2010, we placed an additional 175 kiosks in the branches of China Construction Bank in Henan province. In May 2010, we signed an exclusive agreement with Shanghai Rural Commercial Bank ("SRCB") to deploy our online banking and display advertising kiosks in all 300 existing, and all future, SRCB branches. As of December 31, 2010, we installed 150 bank kiosks in SRCB branches. Each kiosk has an LCD advertising display panel, which provides advertising aimed at bank customers. The kiosk also provides Internet access on a separate screen so that customers can perform basic non-cash banking functions such as transferring money, purchasing annuities and/or insurance, and paying bills.

We derive our revenue principally by:

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charging our clients fixed monthly fees for the services provided by the advertising and marketing platform described above;

- charging productions fees for television and video spots;
- selling advertising time slots on our television shows and on our installed bank kiosks;
 - collecting fees associated with lead generation; and
 - charging brand management consulting fees to a certain group of clients.

The five largest industries in terms of revenue in which our advertising clients operate are (1) food and beverage, (2) cosmetics and health care, (3) footwear, apparel and garments, (4) home goods and construction materials, and (5) environmental protection equipment. Advertisers from these industries together accounted for approximately 84% of our revenue in 2010.

Since we commenced our current business operations in 2003, we have experienced continuous growth in our network and in our financial results. We generated total revenues of \$41.6 million in 2010 compared to \$37.7 million in 2009 and net income of \$16.6 million in 2010 (after allocation of the losses incurred by our majority-owned subsidiary to the non-controlling interest shareholders) compared to net income of \$4.0 million in 2009. Our net income attributable to common shareholders after the deduction of the cash dividend accrued for our preferred shareholders was \$15.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. Our net losses attributable to common shareholders was \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, after deduction of the cash dividend accrued for our preferred shareholders and deduction of a deemed dividend arising from the intrinsic value of the beneficial conversion feature upon issuance of our Series A preferred stock in the August 2009 financing, as required by US GAAP. With the exclusion of non-cash gain or loss recognized in relation to fair value changes of the warrants issued in the August 2009 financing and the deemed dividend recognized for the preferred stock, we achieved \$14.7 million and \$8.4 million net income in 2010 and 2009, respectively, and achieved \$13.9 million and \$8.1 million of net income attributable to common shareholders in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Our Corporate History and Background

We were incorporated in the State of Texas in April 2006 and re-domiciled to become a Nevada corporation in October 2006. From the date of our incorporation until June 26, 2009, when we consummated the Share Exchange (as defined below), our business development activities were primarily concentrated in web server access and company branding in hosting web based e-games.

Our wholly owned subsidiary, China Net Online Media Limited was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on August 13, 2007 ("China Net BVI"). On April 11, 2008, China Net BVI became the parent holding company of a group of companies comprised of CNET Online Technology Limited, a Hong Kong company ("China Net HK"), which established, and is the parent company of, Rise King Century Technology Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd., a wholly foreign-owned enterprise ("WFOE") established in the People's Republic of China ("Rise King WFOE"). We refer to the transactions that resulted in China Net BVI becoming an indirect parent company of Rise King WFOE as the "Offshore Restructuring." We operate our business in China primarily through Business Opportunity Online (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd. ("Business Opportunity Online"), Beijing CNET Online Advertising Co., Ltd. ("Beijing CNET Online"), and Shanghai Borongdingsi Computer Technology Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Borongdingsi"). Business Opportunity Online, Beijing CNET Online and Shanghai Borongdingsi, were incorporated on December 8, 2004, January 27, 2003 and August 3, 2005, respectively. From time to time we refer to Business Opportunity Online, Beijing CNET Online and Shanghai Borongdingsi collectively as our "PRC Operating Entities." Shanghai Borongdingsi is owned 51% by Beijing CNET Online. Beijing CNET Online and Shanghai Borongdingsi entered into a cooperation agreement in June 2008, followed up with a supplementary agreement in December 2008, to conduct e-banking advertisement business. The business is based on an e-banking cooperation agreement between Shanghai Borongdingsi and Henan provincial branch of China Construction Bank which allows Shanghai Borongdingsi, or its designated party, to conduct in-door advertising business within the business outlets throughout Henan Province. The e-banking cooperation agreement has a term of eight years, which began in August 2008. However, Shanghai Borongdingsi was not able to conduct the advertising business as a stand-alone business due to the lack of an advertising business license and supporting financial resources. Pursuant to the aforementioned cooperation agreements, Beijing CNET Online committed to purchase equipment, and to provide working capital, technical and other related support to Shanghai Borongdingsi. Beijing CNET Online owns the equipment used in the kiosk business, is entitled to sign contracts in

Shanghai Borongdingsi's name on behalf of the business, and holds the right to collect the advertising revenue generated from the kiosk business exclusively until it recovers of the cost of purchasing the equipment. Thereafter, Beijing CNET Online has agreed to distribute 49% of the net profit generated from the e-banking advertising business, if any, to the minority shareholders of Shanghai Borongdingsi.

Restructuring

In October 2008, a restructuring plan was developed (the "Restructuring"). The Restructuring was accomplished in two steps. The first step was for Rise King WFOE to acquire control over Business Opportunity Online and Beijing CNET Online (collectively the "PRC Operating Subsidiaries") by entering into a series of contracts (the "Contractual Agreements"), which enabled Rise King WFOE to operate the business and manage the affairs of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries. Both of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries at that time were, and currently are, owned by Messrs. Handong Cheng, Xuanfu Liu and Ms. Li Sun (the "PRC Shareholders"). Mr. Cheng is now our Chief Executive Officer. After the PRC Restructuring was consummated, the second step was for China Net BVI to enter into and complete a transaction with a U.S. public reporting company, whereby that company would acquire China Net BVI, China Net HK and Rise King WFOE, and control the PRC Operating Subsidiaries (the "China Net BVI Companies").

Legal Structure of the PRC Restructuring

The PRC Restructuring was consummated in a manner so as not to violate PRC laws relating to restrictions on foreign ownership of businesses in certain industries in the PRC and the PRC M&A regulations.

The Foreign Investment Industrial Guidance Catalogue jointly issued by the Ministry of Commerce ("MOFCOM") and the National Development and Reform Commission in 2007 classified various industries/business into three different categories: (i) encouraged for foreign investment, (ii) restricted to foreign investment and (iii) prohibited from foreign investment. For any industry/business not covered by any of these three categories, they will be deemed to be industries/business permitted to have foreign investment. Except for those expressly provided restrictions, encouraged and permitted industries/businesses are usually open to foreign investment and ownership. With regard to those industries/businesses restricted to or prohibited from foreign investment, there is always a limitation on foreign investment and ownership.

The business of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries falls under the class of a business that provides Internet content or information services, a type of value added telecommunication services, for which restrictions upon foreign ownership apply. As a result, Rise King WFOE is not allowed to do the business the PRC Operating Subsidiaries companies are currently pursuing. Advertising business is open to foreign investment but one of the requirements is that the foreign investors of a WFOE shall have been carrying out advertising business for over three years pursuant to the Foreign Investment Advertising Measures as amended by MOFCOM and the State Administration of Industry and Commerce ("SAIC") on August 22, 2008. Rise King WFOE is not allowed to engage in the advertising business because its shareholder, China Net HK, does not meet such requirements. In order to control the business and operations of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries, and consolidate the financial results of the two companies in a manner that does not violate current PRC laws, Rise King WFOE executed the Contractual Agreements with the PRC Shareholders and each of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries. The Contractual Agreements allow us through Rise King WFOE to, among other things, secure significant rights to influence the two companies' business operations, policies and management, approve all matters requiring shareholder approval, and the right to receive 100% of the income earned by the PRC Operating Subsidiaries. In return, Rise King WFOE provides consulting services to the PRC Operating Subsidiaries. In addition, to ensure that the PRC Operating Subsidiaries and the PRC Shareholders perform their obligations under the Contractual Arrangements, the PRC Shareholders have pledged to Rise King WFOE all of their equity interests in the PRC Operating Subsidiaries. They have also entered into an option agreement with Rise King WFOE which provides that at such time that current restrictions under PRC law on foreign ownership of Chinese companies engaging in the Internet content or information services in China are lifted, Rise King WFOE may exercise its option to purchase the equity interests in the PRC Operating Subsidiaries directly.

Each of the PRC Shareholders entered into a share transfer agreement (the "Share Transfer Agreement") with Mr. Yang Li, the sole shareholder of Rise King Investment Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Rise King BVI"), which is a 55% shareholder of China Net BVI. In entering into the Share Transfer Agreement, Ms. Li Sun was acting as the nominee of Mr. Zhige Zhang, our chief financial officer. Mr. Zhang did not report his indirect ownership of ChinaNet BVI's common stock by virtue of Ms. Li acting as his nominee on his original Form 3 filed with the SEC. The PRC Shareholders have been granted the incentive options for the contributions that they have made and will continue to make to Rise King BVI. Under the Share Transfer Agreements Mr. Li granted to each of the PRC Shareholders an option to acquire, in the aggregate 10,000 shares of Rise King BVI, representing 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Rise King BVI, provided that certain financial performance thresholds were met by the China Net BVI. The Share Transfer Agreement was formalized and entered into on April 28, 2009. There is no prohibition under PRC laws for the PRC Shareholders to earn an interest in Rise King BVI after the PRC Restructuring is consummated in compliance with PRC law.

Pursuant to the Share Transfer Agreement, the Option Shares vest and become exercisable in one-third increments upon the China Net BVI Companies attaining consolidated gross revenue performance targets for fiscal 2009, the six month period ended June 30, 2010 and the six month period ended December 31, 2010 of RMB 100 million, RMB 60 million and RMB 60 million. If the China Net BVI Companies achieve the performance targets the exercise price will be \$1.00 per share. If the targets are not met, the exercise price shall increase to \$2.00 per share. Therefore, as of February 14, 2011, 100% of the Option Shares were exercisable. On March 29, 2011, Ms. Li Sun transferred the Option Shares held by her to Mr. Zhang. On March 29, 2011, pursuant to the terms of the Share Transfer Agreement, each of Mr. Cheng, Mr. Liu and Mr. Zhang exercised their rights to acquire the Option Shares. Due to the fact that the China Net BVI Companies had achieved the performance targets set forth in the Share Transfer Agreement, each of Mr. Cheng, Mr. Liu and Mr. Zhang paid an exercise of \$1.00 per share to Mr. Yang Li. As a result of this exercise, as of March 29, 2011, Mr. Cheng, Mr. Li and Mr. Zhang became the sold shareholders of Rise King BVI and collectively hold 55% of the outstanding shares of China Net BVI.

Accounting Treatment of the Restructuring

The Restructuring is accounted for as a transaction between entities under common control in a manner similar to pooling of interests, with no adjustment to the historical basis of the assets and liabilities of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries. The operations of the PRC Operating Entities are consolidated as if the current corporate structure had been in existence throughout the period presented in the audited financial statements. The Restructuring is accounted for in this manner because pursuant to an Entrustment Agreement dated June 5, 2009 (the "Entrustment Agreement") between Rise King BVI and the PRC Shareholders, Rise King BVI granted to the PRC Shareholders, on a collective basis, managerial control over each of the China Net BVI Companies by delegating to the PRC Shareholders its shareholder rights, including the right to vote, and its rights to designate management of the China Net BVI Company. The Entrustment Agreement, together with the Contractual Arrangements demonstrates the ability of the PRC Shareholders to continue to control Business Opportunity Online and Beijing CNET Online, which are under our common control. On March 29, 2011, in connection with the exercise of the options pursuant to the Share Transfer Agreement, the Entrustment Agreement was terminated.

Below is a summary of the material terms of the Contractual Agreements.

Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreements

Pursuant to Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreements entered into by and between Rise King WFOE and each of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries in October 2008, Rise King WFOE has the exclusive right to provide to the PRC Operating Subsidiaries complete technical support, business support and related consulting services, which include, among other things, technical services, business consultations, equipment or property leasing, marketing consultancy

and product research. Each PRC Operating Subsidiary has agreed to pay an annual service fee to Rise King WFOE equal to 100% of its audited total amount of operational income each year. Each PRC Operating Subsidiary has also agreed to pay a monthly service fee to Rise King WFOE equal to 100% of the net income generated on a monthly basis. The payment and terms of payment are fixed to ensure that Rise King WFOE obtains 100% of the net income for that month, although adjustments may be made upon approval by Rise King WFOE to provide for operational needs. If at year end, after an audit of the financial statements of any PRC Operating Subsidiary, there is determined to be any shortfall in the payment of 100% of the annual net income, such PRC Operating Subsidiary must pay such shortfall to Rise King WFOE. Each agreement has a ten-year term, subject to renewal and early termination in accordance with the terms therein.

Exclusive Option Agreements

Under Exclusive Option Agreements entered into by and among Rise King WFOE, dated as of October 8, 2008, each of the PRC Shareholders irrevocably granted to Rise King WFOE or its designated person an exclusive option to purchase, to the extent permitted by PRC law, a portion or all of their respective equity interest in any PRC Operating Subsidiary for a purchase price of RMB 10 or a purchase price to be adjusted to be in compliance with applicable PRC laws and regulations. Rise King WFOE or its designated person has the sole discretion to decide when to exercise the option, whether in part or in full. Each of these agreements has a ten-year term, subject to renewal at the election of Rise King WFOE.

Equity Pledge Agreements

Under the Equity Pledge Agreements entered into by and among Rise King WFOE, the PRC Operating Subsidiaries and each of the PRC Shareholders, dated as of October 8, 2008, the PRC Shareholders pledge, all of their equity interests in PRC Operating Subsidiaries to guarantee the PRC Operating Subsidiaries' performance of its obligations under the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement. If the PRC Operating Subsidiaries or any of the PRC Shareholders breaches its/his/her respective contractual obligations under this agreement, or upon the occurrence of one of the events regarded as an event of default under each such agreement, Rise King WFOE, as pledgee, will be entitled to certain rights, including the right to dispose of the pledged equity interests. The PRC Shareholders of the PRC Operating Subsidiaries agree not to dispose of the pledged equity interests or take any actions that would prejudice Rise King WFOE's interest, and to notify Rise King WFOE of any events or upon receipt of any notices which may affect Rise King WFOE's interest in the pledge. Each of the equity pledge agreements will be valid until all the payments due under the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement have been fulfilled.

Irrevocable Powers of Attorney

The PRC Shareholders have each executed an irrevocable power of attorney, dated as of October 8, 2008, to appoint Rise King WFOE as their exclusive attorneys-in-fact to vote on their behalf on all PRC Operating Subsidiary matters requiring shareholder approval. The term of each power of attorney is valid so long as such shareholder is a shareholder of the respective PRC Operating Subsidiary.

Share Exchange

On June 26, 2009, we entered into a Share Exchange Agreement (the "Exchange Agreement"), with (i) ChinaNet BVI, (ii) ChinaNet BVI's shareholders, Allglad Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Allglad"), Growgain Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Growgain"), Rise King Investments Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Rise King BVI"), Star (China) Holdings Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Surplus"), Clear Jolly Holdings Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Clear" and together with Allglad, Growgain, Rise King BVI, Star and Surplus, the "ChinaNet BVI Shareholders"), who together own shares constituting 100% of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of ChinaNet BVI (the "ChinaNet BVI Shares"), and (iii) G. Edward Hancock, the former principal stockholder of the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement, the ChinaNet BVI Shareholders transferred to the Company all of the ChinaNet BVI Shares in exchange for the issuance of 13,790,800 (the "Exchange Shares") shares of Common Stock (the "Share Exchange"). As a result of the Share Exchange, ChinaNet BVI became a wholly owned subsidiary of our company and we are now a holding company, which through certain contractual arrangements with operating companies in the PRC, is engaged in providing advertising, marketing and communication services to small and medium companies in China.

Immediately prior to the Share Exchange, we cancelled and retired 4,400,000 shares of our issued and outstanding Common Stock (the "Cancelled Shares") (reducing our issued and outstanding shares to 1,383,500), and issued 600,000

shares of our Common Stock in the aggregate to certain third parties in consideration for services rendered (resulting in 1,983,500 shares of issued and outstanding Common Stock immediately prior to the Share Exchange). A cash amount of \$300,000, previously deposited by us into an escrow account was paid to G. Edward Hancock, our former majority shareholder and owner of the Cancelled Shares, as consideration for cancelling the Cancelled Shares in connection with the Share Exchange. As a result of the cancellation of the Cancelled Shares, the share issuance described above, and the Share Exchange, we had 15,774,300 shares issued and outstanding immediately following the Share Exchange.

In connection with the Share Exchange, we entered into a Registration Rights Agreement dated June 26, 2009 with certain of our stockholders signatory thereto. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, we agreed to provide those stockholders signatory thereto, for a 90-day period from the date of signing, piggyback registration rights under the Securities Act on a portion of their shares. In the event that we do not file such registration statement within the 90-day period, the stockholders holding a majority of the securities registrable under the Registration Rights Agreement will have a demand registration right. There are no other penalties or liquidated damages (in securities of our company, cash or otherwise) as a result of the Company not successfully filing a registration statement within the 90-day period or pursuant to the terms of the demand.

Name Change

Prior to July 14, 2009, our company name was Emazing Interactive, Inc. On July 14, 2009, our company caused to be formed a corporation under the laws of the State of Nevada called ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the "Merger Sub") and acquired one hundred shares of its common stock for cash. As such, Merger Sub was merged with and into our company. As a result of the merger, the separate existence of the Merger Sub ceased. As a further result of the merger, our corporate name was changed to "ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc." We are the surviving corporation in the merger and, except for the name change provided for in the Agreement and Plan of Merger, there was no change in our directors, officers, capital structure or business.

2009 Financing

On August 21, 2009 (the "Closing Date"), we entered into a securities purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), with several investors, including institutional, accredited and non-US persons and entities (the "Investors"), pursuant to which we sold units, comprised of 10% Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), and two series of warrants, for a purchase price of \$2.50 per unit and gross proceeds of approximately \$10.3 million (the "Financing"). Net proceeds from the Financing were approximately \$9.2 million. We sold 4,121,600 units in the aggregate, which included (i) 4,121,600 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock, (ii) Series A-1 Warrants to purchase 2,060,800 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share with a three-year term, and (iii) Series A-2 Warrants to purchase 2,060,800 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$3.75 with a five-year term. In connection with the Financing, we issued to TriPoint Global Equities, LLC warrants to purchase 329,728 shares of our Common Stock at an exercise price of \$3.00 and 164,864 at an exercise price of \$3.75. The warrants expire on August 20, 2014.

In connection with the Financing, we entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with the Investors in which we agreed to file a registration statement (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to register the Common Stock underlying the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series A-1 Warrants and the Series A-2 Warrants, thirty (30) days after the closing of the Financing. We have agreed to use our best efforts to have the Registration Statement declared effective within 150 calendar days after filing, or 180 calendar days after filing in the event the Registration Statement is subject to a "full review" by the SEC.

We are required to keep the Registration Statement continuously effective under the Securities Act until such date as is the earlier of the date when all of the securities covered by that registration statement have been sold or the date on which such securities may be sold without any restriction pursuant to Rule 144 (the "Financing Effectiveness Period"). We will pay liquidated damages of 2% of each holder's initial investment in the units sold in the Financing per month, payable in cash, up to a maximum of 10%, if the Registration Statement is not filed or declared effective within the foregoing time periods or ceases to be effective prior to the expiration of the Financing Effectiveness Period. However, no liquidated damages shall be paid with respect to any securities being registered that we are not permitted to include in the Registration Statement due to the SEC's application of Rule 415.

In connection with the Financing, we entered into a securities escrow agreement with the Investors (the "Escrow Agreement"), pursuant to which Rise King BVI (the "Principal Stockholder"), initially placed 2,558,160 shares of Common Stock (the "Escrow Shares") into an escrow account. Of the Escrow Shares, 1,279,080 shares (equivalent to 50% of the Escrow Shares) were held as security for the achievement of audited net income equal to or greater than \$7.7 million for the fiscal year 2009 (the "2009 Performance Threshold") and the remaining 1,279,080 of the Escrow Shares are being held as security for the achievement of audited net income equal to or greater than \$14 million for the fiscal year 2010 (the "2010 Performance Threshold").

If we achieve at least 95% of the applicable Performance Threshold, all of the Escrow Shares for the corresponding fiscal year shall be returned to the Principal Stockholder. If we achieve less than 95% of the applicable Performance Threshold, the Investors shall receive in the aggregate, on a pro rata basis (based upon the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock or Conversion Shares owned by each such Investor as of the date of distribution of the Escrow Shares), 63,954 shares of the Escrow Shares for each percentage by which the applicable Performance Threshold was not achieved up to the total number of Escrow Shares for the applicable fiscal year. Any Escrow Shares not delivered to any Investor because such Investor no longer holds shares of Series A Preferred Stock or Conversion Shares shall be returned to the Principal Stockholder.

For the purposes of the Escrow Agreement, net income is defined in accordance with US GAAP and reported by us in our audited financial statements for each of the fiscal years ended 2009 and 2010; provided, however, that net income for each of fiscal years ended 2009 and 2010 shall be increased by any non-cash charges incurred (i) as a result of the Financing, including without limitation, as a result of the issuance and/or conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock, and the issuance and/or exercise of the Warrants, (ii) as a result of the release of the Escrow Shares to the Principal Stockholder and/or the Investors, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of the Escrow Agreement, (iii) as a result of the issuance of ordinary shares of the Principal Stockholder to Messrs. Handong Cheng and Xuanfu Liu and Ms. Li Sun, acting as nominee for Mr. Zhige Zhang, (the "PRC Shareholders"), upon the exercise of options granted to the PRC Shareholders by the Principal Stockholder, (iv) as a result of the issuance of warrants to any placement agent and its designees in connection with the Financing, (v) the exercise of any warrants to purchase Common Stock outstanding and (vi) the issuance under any performance based equity incentive plan that we adopt.

The 2009 Performance Threshold was met, and 1,279,080 Escrow Shares (50% of the Escrow Shares) were released to the Principal Stockholder.

In addition, we are a party to a Lock-Up Agreement with each of our executive officers and directors (the "Affiliates"), under which the Affiliates have agreed not to offer, sell, contract to sell, assign, transfer, hypothecate gift, pledge or grant a security interest in, or otherwise dispose of any shares of our common stock that such Affiliates presently own or may acquire during the period commencing on the Closing Date and expiring on the date that is six months following the effective date of the Registration Statement (the "Lock-up Period"). Each Affiliate further agreed that during the 12-month period following the Lock-up Period, such Affiliate shall not transfer more than one-twelfth (1/12) of such Affiliate's holding of Common Stock during any one calendar month.

Recent Development

On December 6, 2010, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Rise King WFOE, we entered into a series of exclusive contractual arrangements with Rise King (Shanghai) Advertisement Media Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Jing Yang"), a company incorporated under PRC laws in December 2009. The contractual arrangements that we enetered into with Shanghai Jing Yang allow us, through Rise King WFOE, to, among other things, secure significant rights to influence Shanghai Jing Yang's business operations, policies and management, approve all matters requiring shareholder approval, and the right to receive 100% of the income earned by Shanghai Jing Yang. From the date of incorporation until December 6, 2010, Shanghai Jing Yang did not conduct any business activities. This company is established and registered in the Industrial Zone in Jiading District of Shanghai, PRC, which provides potential enterprise income tax benefit of deemed profit rate of 10%.

On December 8, 2010, Shanghai Jing Yang acquired a 49% interest of a newly established company, Beijing Yang Guang Media Investment Co., Ltd. ("Beijing Yang Guang"). The investment in Beijing Yang Guang will provide us with the synergy to leverage client bases with lower priced TV time resources. Such partnership will allow us to provide additional value-added services to our existing client base with lower purchasing costs, more professional TV related services and resources and hence improve our performance of the TV advertisement business segment for

fiscal year of 2011. As of December 31, 2010, Beijing Yang Guang has not commenced business activities.

Industry and Market Overview

Overview of the Advertising Market in China

China has the largest advertising market in Asia, excluding Japan. According to ZenithOptimedia in 2010, China's advertising market was the fourth largest in the world by media expenditure, which was estimated to be approximately \$22.6 billion, accounting for 21.3% of the total advertising spending in the Asia-Pacific region. ZenithOptimedia also projected that the advertising market in China will be one of the fastest growing advertising markets in the world, at a CAGR of 14.8% from 2010 to 2013. By 2013, China is projected to account for 26.2% of the total advertising spending in the Asia-Pacific region. The growth of China's advertising market is driven by a number of factors, including the rapid and sustained economic growth and increases in disposable income and consumption in China. According to ZenithOptimedia, China was the second largest economy in the world in 2010 in terms of GDP, which amounted to US\$5.9 trillion.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the annual disposable income per capita in urban households increased from RMB 15,781 in 2008 to RMB 17,175 in 2009 and to RMB 19,109 in 2010, representing an increase of 8.8% and 11.3%, respectively.

According to ZenithOptimedia (December, 2010), China will become the third largest advertising market in the world, and by 2013, China will contribute approximately US\$11.6 billion to the global advertising spending, following the United States which contributes approximately US\$13.3 billion to global advertising spending. Japan, the largest advertising spender in the Asia-Pacific region, is only expected to grow its advertising spending by 5% between 2010 and 2013, whereas an emerging market, like China, will grow its advertising spending by 51% in the same period. Overall, the Asia-Pacific region, excluding Japan, is estimated to have one of the highest growth rates on a year-over-year basis from 2009 to 2010, with an average growth rate of 10.95%. China is expected to lead the growth in the region.

Overview of the Internet Advertising Industry

ZenithOptimedia projected that the global internet advertising market will grow by 14% between 2009 and 2013 and reach \$91.5 billion in 2013. Within China, the internet advertising market was particularly strong and grew to approximately 4.2 billion according to Enfodesk (February 2011). This growth is expected to stem primarily from higher internet penetration rate of just 34.3% by the end of 2010 (The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China, January 2011), the use of search engine, rich media, video and game embedded advertisements. The growth of Internet advertising is expected to be 15.3% in 2011, and according to the iResearch China Merchant Website Research Report, is expected to reach \$5.8 billion in 2012. The diagram below depicts the annual size & growth of the Chinese Internet advertising market from 2001 to 2012:

High Demand for the Internet Advertising in China

We believe that the Internet advertising market in China also has significant potential for future growth due to high demand from the rapid development of the franchise and chain store business and the SMEs. According to the 2009-2010 China Franchise Development Report by China Chain Store & Franchise Development Report, there were approximately 4,000 franchise enterprises and 330,000 chain stores in China by the end of 2009, and the number of franchise enterprises and chain stores increased by 15% and 10% respectively.

The development of the SME market is still in its early stages and since their sales channels and distribution networks are still underdeveloped, they are driven to search for new participants by utilizing Internet advertising. The SMEs tend to be smaller, less-developed brands primarily focused on restaurants, garments, building materials, home appliances, and entertainment with low start-up costs within a range of \$1,000-\$15,000. The Chinese government has promulgated a series of laws and regulations to protect and promote the development of SMEs which appeals to entrepreneurs looking to benefit from the central government's support of increased domestic demand. SMEs are now responsible for about 60% of China's industrial output and employment of about 75% of urban Chinese workforce. SMEs are creating the most new urban jobs, and they are the main destination for workers laid-off from state-owned enterprises (SOEs) that re-enter the workforce.

Our Principal Products and Services

Our products and services include:

- Advertising and marketing services, comprised primarily of services associated with 28.com. In addition to the services provided by 28.com, advertising and marketing services also include other value-added communication channels and services, like television, mobile phones and kiosks, mini-site hosting, search engine optimization, search engine marketing, lead generation and capture, advanced tracking, resource scheduling, and content management;
- Brand management consulting services, which include brand management consultation, sales channel expansion and other related consulting services.
 - TV infomercial production with TV airtime; and

In-bank advertising services conducted through our network of kiosks located in bank branches.

Advertising and Marketing Services:

Internet Advertising

We founded 28.com in 2003. 28.com is a leading Internet site for information about small business opportunities in China. It was one of the earliest entrants in this sector, allowing it to currently hold an over 33% market share in China. We estimate that our average market share is at least 10% more than our closest competitor 78.cn. As of December 31, 2010, we provided advertising services to more than 1,200 clients on the site. The platform provides advertisers with the tools to build sales channels and develop relationships directly with franchisees, sales agents, distributors, resellers and/or franchisees. 28.com has the following features which enable it to be an attractive platform for the advertisers:

- Allowing potential entrepreneurs interested in inexpensive franchise and other business ventures to find in-depth details about these businesses in various industries and business categories;
- Providing one-stop integrated internet marketing and advertising services for SMEs by offering customized services such as design, website and mini-site setup, and advertisement placement on various communication channels through intelligent based promotion; and
- Bundling with 28.com video production, advanced traffic generation techniques and search-engine optimization and marketing.

28.com charges its clients fixed monthly fees for most of the value-added services described above at an aggregate average monthly price of approximately \$3,100. The site has an annual weighted average of approximately 755 active clients and the total revenue per month reached approximately \$2.4 million in 2010. This segment accounted for 68% of our revenue in 2010 and 47% of our revenue in 2009.

Television Advertising

As part of our advertising and marketing services, we produce and distribute television shows that are comprised of advertisements similar to infomercials, but include promotions for several clients during the allotted time. Our clients pay us for production, editorial coverage and advertising spots. We are one of the top-tier producers of television shows of this nature in China, with a total show time that reached 14,420 minutes in 2010 and an estimated 16,000 minutes in 2011. The shows produced by our TV unit are distributed during airtime purchased on some of the largest provincial satellite television stations including Hebei TV, Henan TV, Guangdong TV, Jiangxi TV, Shanxi TV, Sichuang TV and Zhejiang TV. The programs that air the shows produced by us include "Gold List," "Online Business Opportunities," "The Charm of Wealth," "Venture Express," "Start" and "New Business World." This segment accounted for 30% of our revenue in 2010 and 49% of our revenue in 2009. As discussed above, this division has been integrated into the advertising and marketing platform and provided as one of the additional communication channels to both existing clientele and the brand managed clients in 2011. The division is unlikely to expand internally in terms of operational size and manpower but will continue to grow through external outsourcing and potential partnerships and/or joint ventures to secure the availability of TV minutes when needed.

Resale of Internet Advertising Resources

We resell to our clients sponsored search resources from Baidu. This segment accounted for 0.2% of our revenue in 2010.

Bank Kiosks

We operate our bank kiosk advertising network, launched in 2008, through Shanghai Borongdingsi. We place our kiosk machines, which include a large, LCD advertising display, in bank branches to target banking patrons. We market our LCD display network to advertisers in the financial services and insurance industries. As of December 31, 2010, we had a total of 375 flat-panel displays placed in branches of China Construction Bank in Henan Province. The kiosks are useful to the banks because, in addition to the LCD advertising display, they provide bank customers with free Internet access to on-line banking services, thereby potentially shortening wait times in branches for teller services. In May 2010, we signed an exclusive agreement with Shanghai Rural Commercial Bank (SRCB) to deploy our online banking and display advertising kiosks in all 300 existing and all future SRCB branches. As of December 31, 2010, we finished installation of 150 bank kiosks in SRCB branches. As of December 31, 2010, we generated US\$ 0.5 million revenue from this business segment from Henan Standard Life, Jiashi Fund etc.

Our Competitive Strengths

Over our seven year operating history, we believe that we have built a strong track record of significant competitive strengths for example:

Innovative Operations

- •Client-based innovation. Our advertising and marketing services intended to be a one-stop shop for advertising and marketing solutions to our clients. These services are based on the needs of our existing clients. All of our value added services, including lead generation and capture, online messaging and consulting, search engine marketing and optimization, mini-site hosting, content management and so forth, simplify the business process for our clients by allowing them to effectively allocate their resources and budget for various advertising and marketing tools and channels.
- Target market innovation and expansion of audience base. We believe that by offering a multichannel communication platform, we enable SMEs to reach a wide range of consumers with complementary and mutually reinforcing advertising and marketing campaigns. We are better able to attract business owners who want to reach targeted consumer groups through a number of different advertising channels in different venues and regions and at different times of the day.

Strong Technological Advantages

- Award winning R&D team. We have a R&D team with extensive experience in China's advertising and marketing industry. We appointed our Chief Technology Officer Mr. Hongli Xu in September 2009. Mr. Xu has approximately 20 years of experience in the internet and software development industry in various sectors. We believe Mr. Xu will provide critical leadership to our R&D team, as we continue to elevate our position in the Chinese media and advertising markets.
- Advanced campaign tracking & monitoring tools. We have deployed advanced tracking, search engine optimization, resource scheduling and content management and ad campaign management tools so as to achieve effective and efficient advertising effects.
- Valuable intellectual property. We have thirteen copyright certificates and property rights for thirteen software products in connection with the Internet advertising business which were developed by our research and development team.
- Experienced management team. We have an experienced management team. In particular, Handong Cheng, our founder, chairman and chief executive officer has over ten years' experience in management. He demonstrated his entrepreneurship and business leadership by starting up our business and he has successfully grown our business to become a pioneer in online media marketing and advertising services. He also secured our status as the sole strategic alliance partner of China Construction Bank with respect to bank kiosk advertising. George Chu, our chief operating officer, has diversified and international industry experience that will help us to scale to the next level. Zhige Zhang, our chief financial officer has over six years' experience in software development and Internet ad technology.

First Mover Advantages

We have over 5 years of operations as a vertically integrated ad portal and ad agency. We have 7 years of experience as an Internet advertising agency. We commenced our Internet advertising services business in 2003 and was among

the first companies in China to create a site and a business focused on Internet advertising. We rapidly established a sizeable nationwide network, secured a significant market share and enhanced awareness of our brand. Our early entry into the market has also enabled us to accumulate a significant amount of knowledge and experience in this nascent segment of the advertising industry and to be able to maintain a strong market share position

Growth Strategy

Our objectives are to strengthen our position as the leading B2B Internet service provider on advertising, marketing, brand and internal management solutions as well rapid sales channel expansion to SMEs in China and continue to achieve rapid growth. We intend to achieve these objectives by implementing the following strategies:

Expanding to a new client base with brand management and rapid sales channel expansion solutions

We are further expanding our target client group to the non-franchised SMEs, especially the enterprises which have been in production and exporting business. Until recent years, as a result of financial crisis incurred in 2008, foreign demand has dropped and these enterprises are either forced to or intend to expand their businesses in the domestic market in China. Many of these businesses lack domestic sales management and expansion experience, especially in the 2nd and 3rd tier cities. We estimate that there are 4 million businesses that fall into the category of non-franchised SMEs, and we will help them to expand their business nationally in China in the form of franchising.

Monetizing the existing customer base through the addition of cloud-based management tools platform

We intend to launch cloud-based management tools and/or solutions to existing 28.com clients in the late second quarter of 2011. These tools include, among other things, point of sales (POS), inventory supply chain management, office automation (OA) and customer relationship management (CRM). This service is intended to increase our recurring revenues and enhance the loyalty and service satisfaction of our clients. Internet Information Management (IIM) launched in August 2009 is part of this platform. Throughout the next few years, we intend to increase the depth of this type of service by partnerships or through mergers and acquisitions.

Increasing our business opportunity through mergers and acquisitions to boost operational and cross-selling synergies

We plan to maximize opportunities for our business with a broader client base to increase recurring revenue with lower cost by merging or acquiring small regional advertising firms. We plan to accomplish cross-selling after expanding our client base through these regional advertising firms to materialize the synergies obtained through mergers and acquisitions. As a result, we will be able to provide additional, flexible and bundled advertising and marketing packages that will allow SMEs to reach consumers by various complementary and reinforcing communication channels. In addition, all other value added services previously discussed will be provided to them, including management tools platform in the future.

Promoting Our Brand Name and Augment Our Service Offerings to Attract a Wider Client Base and Increase Revenues

Enhancing our brand name in the industry will allow us to solidify and broaden our client base by growing market awareness of our services and our ability to target discrete consumer groups more effectively than mass media. We believe the low cost of reaching consumers with higher-than-average disposable incomes through our network and our development of additional advertising media platforms and channels within our network can enable our customers to reach that goal. As we increase our advertising client base and increase sales, demand for and sale of time slots and frame space on our network will grow.

Our Advertising Clients; Sales and Marketing

Our Advertising Clients

The quality and coverage of our network has attracted a broad base of advertising clients. As of December 31, 2010, more than 1,200 customers purchased advertising time slots on our 28.com portal, China Net TV and our bank kiosks. We derive most of our revenues from:

- charging our clients fixed monthly fees to advertise on 28.com and other internet marketing activities;
 - charging productions fees for television and web video spots;
 - selling advertising time slots on our television shows and bank kiosks; and

collecting fees associated with lead generation.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, we derived 68% of our revenues from our Internet advertising and 30% from our TV advertising.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of our revenue from Internet advertising by industry for the year ended December 31, 2010:

Industry	Percentage of total reven	ue
Food and beverage	15	%
Women Accessories	4	%
Footwear, apparel and garments	25	%
Home Goods and Construction Materials	16	%
Environmental Protection Equipment	13	%
Cosmetic and Health Care	11	%
Education Network	13	%
Others	3	%
Total	100.0	%

Sales and Marketing

Sales and Marketing. We employ experienced advertising sales people. We provide in-house education and training to our sales people to ensure they provide our current and prospective clients with comprehensive information about our services, the benefits of using our advertising and marketing services and relevant information regarding the advertising industry. We also market our advertising services from time to time by placing advertisements on television, and acting as sponsor to third-party programming as well as to our shows.

Market Research. We believe our advertising clients derive substantial value from our ability to provide advertising services targeted at specific segments of consumer markets. Market research is an important part of evaluating the effectiveness and value of our business to our customers. We conduct market research, consumer surveys, demographic analysis and other advertising industry research for internal use to evaluate new and existing advertising and marketing channels. We also purchase or commission studies containing relevant market study data from reputable third-party market research firms, for instance, iResearch Consulting Co., Ltd. We typically consult such studies to assist us in evaluating the effectiveness of our network to our advertisers. A number of these studies contain research on the numbers and socio-economic and demographic profiles of the people who visit our network.

Suppliers

Our suppliers are the major search engine, other internet gateways and regional television stations. Among these suppliers, Baidu counted for approximately 70% of the internet resource cost and for television, we have 7 major regional television stations as our suppliers for television airtime.

Research and Development

We intend to continue to optimize our Standard Operating Environment (the "SOE") technology in order to reduce cost and time to deploy, configure, maintain, support and manage computer servers and systems. Whether we deploy newer technology will depend upon cost and network security. We also continue to develop proprietary software and systems in connection with the operation of and provision of services through 28.com to enhance ease of use. We focus on enhancing related software systems enabling us to track and monitor advertiser demands. With the introduction of cloud based technology, we will continue to adapt this technology into our online management tools services through alliance, partnership, and/or mergers and acquisitions.

Intellectual Property

We have thirteen software copyright certificates issued by the State Copyright Office of the PRC ("SCO") as below:

Name of Software

V1.0

Software V1.0 of General Monitoring and Management Platform on Internet Advertisi

Software V1.0 of Effect-based Search Engine Service Platform 留言 分析

Software V1.0 of General Analysis and Management Platform on Internet Based Advertise 留言 分析

Software V3.0 of Internet User Monitor and General Analysis System

%#20449;**%**#24687;**&**#20869;**&**#23481;

Software V2.0 of General Management Platform on Internet information conte V2.0

Software V2.0 of General Analysis and Management Platform on Internet Advertisin 留言 V2.0

Software V2.0 of Effect-based Search Engine Service Platform 电:视:媒:体:

电视媒体 Software V2.0 of General Analysis and Management Platform on Television Advertises

用户中心 短信、邮 Software V1.0 of General Management Platform on Group Mailing and Group S

& #26085; & #24535; & #20998; & #26512; & #35775; & #38382; & #28909; & #21306; & #21644; & #27983; & #35272; & #36712; & #

Software V1.0 of Analysis System on Log-Based Visit Hotspot and Browsing T 用户桌面客户端

Software V1.0 of Management Platform on Client/Service-Based Advertisement I

With this intellectual property, we can facilitate our provision of services that are in demand by the appropriate customers and can track end users to help our customers access and adjust their marketing strategies.

We increased and plan to continue increasing the investment of R&D expenditures to enhance the safety of our hardware and server which we dependent upon in supporting our network and managing and monitoring programs on the network.

Competition

We compete with other internet advertising companies in China including companies that operate Internet advertising portals,, such as u88.cn 3158.com 08.cn and 78.cn. We compete for clients primarily on the basis of network size and coverage, location, price, the range of services that we offer and our brand name. We also compete for overall advertising spending with other alternative advertising media companies, such as wireless telecommunications, street furniture, billboard, frame and public transport advertising companies, and with traditional advertising media, such as newspapers, magazines and radio.

Legal Proceedings

We are currently not a party to any legal or administrative proceedings and are not aware of any pending or threatened legal or administrative proceedings against us in all material aspects. We may from time to time become a party to various legal or administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business.

Government Regulation

The PRC government imposes extensive controls and regulations over the media industry, including on television, radio, newspapers, magazines, advertising, media content production, and the market research industry. This section summarizes the principal PRC regulations that are relevant to our lines of business.

Regulations on the Advertising Industry in China

Foreign Investments in Advertising

Under the Administrative Provision on Foreign Investment in the Advertising Industry, jointly promulgated by the SAIC and MOFCOM on March 2, 2004, or the 2004 Provision, foreign investors can invest in PRC advertising companies either through wholly owned enterprises or joint ventures with Chinese parties. Since December 10, 2005, foreign investors have been allowed to own up to 100% equity interest in PRC advertising companies. However, the foreign investors must have at least three years of direct operations outside China in the advertising industry as their core business. This requirement is reduced to two years if foreign investment in the advertising company is in the form of a joint venture. Such requirement is also provided similarly in the newly promulgated regulation that replaced the 2004 Provision as of October 1, 2008, except that according to the new regulation, the establishment of wholly foreign-owned advertising companies must be approved by the SAIC or its authorized provincial counterparts and provincial MOFCOM instead of the SAIC and MOFCOM only. Foreign-invested advertising companies can engage in advertising design, production, publishing and agency, provided that certain conditions are met and necessary approvals are obtained.

We have not engaged in direct operations outside China in the advertising industry as our core business. Therefore, our subsidiary in China, Rise King WFOE, is ineligible to apply for the required licenses for providing advertising services in China. Our advertising business is operated by Business Opportunity Online and Beijing CNET Online in China. We have been, and are expected to continue to be, dependent on these companies to operate our advertising business. We do not have any equity interest in our PRC Operating Entities, but Rise King WFOE, receives the economic benefits of the same through the Contractual Arrangements.

We have been advised by our PRC counsel, that each of the Contractual Agreements complies, and immediately after the completion of the transactions contemplated herein, will comply with all applicable PRC laws and regulations and does not violate, breach, contravene or otherwise conflict with any applicable PRC laws, rules or regulations. However, there exist substantial uncertainties regarding the application, interpretation and enforcement of current and future PRC laws and regulations and its potential effect on its corporate structure and contractual arrangements. The interpretation of these laws and regulations are subject to the discretion of competent PRC authorities. There can be no assurance that the PRC regulatory authorities will not take a view different from the opinions of our PRC counsel and determine that its corporate structure and contractual arrangements violate PRC laws, rules and regulations. In the event that the PRC regulatory authorities determine in their discretion that our corporate structure and contractual arrangements violate applicable PRC laws, rules and regulations, including restrictions on foreign investment in the advertising industry in the future, We may be subject to severe penalties, including an order to cease its business operations.

Business License for Advertising Companies

On October 27, 1994, the Tenth Session of the Standing Committee of the Eighth National People's Congress adopted the Advertising Law which became effective on February 1, 1995. According to the currently effective Advertising Law and its various implementing rules, companies engaging in advertising activities must obtain from the SAIC or its local branches a business license which specifically includes within its scope the operation of an advertising business. Companies conducting advertising activities without such a license may be subject to penalties, including fines, confiscation of advertising income and orders to cease advertising operations. The business license of an advertising company is valid for the duration of its existence, unless the license is suspended or revoked due to a violation of any relevant law or regulation. We have obtained such a business license from the local branches of the SAIC as required by existing PRC regulations. We do not expect to encounter any difficulties in maintaining the business license. However, if we seriously violate the relevant advertising laws and regulations, the SAIC or its local

branches may revoke our business licenses.

Outdoors

The Advertising Law in China stipulates that the exhibition and display of outdoor advertisements must comply with certain requirements. It provides that the exhibition and display of outdoors advertisements must not:

- utilize traffic safety facilities and traffic signs;
- impede the use of public facilities, traffic safety facilities and traffic signs;
- obstruct commercial and public activities or create an unpleasant sight in urban areas;

- be placed in restrictive areas near government offices, cultural landmarks or historical or scenic sites; or
- be placed in areas prohibited by the local governments from having outdoor advertisements.

In addition to the Advertising Law, the SAIC promulgated the Outdoor Advertising Registration Administrative Regulations on December 8, 1995, as amended on December 3, 1998 and May 22, 2006, which also governs the outdoor advertising industry in China. Under these regulations, outdoor advertisements in China must be registered with the local SAIC before dissemination. The advertising distributors are required to submit a registration application form and other supporting documents for registration. After review and examination, if an application complies with the requirements, the local SAIC will issue an Outdoor Advertising Registration Certificate for such advertisement. The content, quantity, format, specifications, periods, distributors' name, and locations of dissemination of the outdoor advertisement must be submitted for registration with the local SAIC. A change of registration with local SAICs must be effected in the event of a change in the distributor, the location of dissemination, the periods, the content, the format, or the specifications of the advertisements. It is unclear whether the SAIC, or any of its local branches in the municipalities and provinces covered by our network, will deem our business as outdoor advertising business, and thus require us to obtain the Outdoor Advertising Registration Certificate. If the PRC government determines that we were obligated to complete outdoor advertisement registration as an outdoor advertising network operator, we may be subject to administrative sanctions, including discontinuation of its business for failure to complete such registration."

In addition, on December 6, 2007, the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television ("SARFT") promulgated the December 2007 Notice pursuant to which the broadcasting of audio and visual programs, including news, drama series, sports, technology, entertainment and other programs, through radio and television networks, the Internet and other information systems affixed to vehicles and buildings and in airports, bus and railway stations, shopping malls, banks, hospitals and other outdoor public media would be subject to approval by the SARFT. The December 2007 Notice required the local branches of SARFT to investigate and record any organization or company engaging in the activities described in the December 2007 Notice without permission, to send written notices to such organizations or companies demanding their compliance with the December 2007 Notice, and to report the results of such investigations to SARFT by January 15, 2008. We have not yet received any notice from the SARFT or any of its local branches demanding compliance with the December 2007 Notice. We may, however, be required to obtain an approval from SARFT under the December 2007 Notice, or may be required to remove entertainment programs from its advertising network.

Advertising Content

PRC advertising laws, rules and regulations set forth certain content requirements for advertisements in China including, among other things, prohibitions on false or misleading content, superlative wording, socially destabilizing content or content involving obscenities, superstition, violence, discrimination or infringement of the public interest. Advertisements for anesthetic, psychotropic, toxic or radioactive drugs are prohibited. There are also specific restrictions and requirements regarding advertisements that relate to matters such as patented products or processes, pharmaceutical products, medical procedures, alcohol, tobacco, and cosmetics. In addition, all advertisements relating to pharmaceuticals, medical instruments, agrochemicals and veterinary pharmaceuticals, together with any other advertisements which are subject to censorship by administrative authorities according to relevant laws or regulations, must be submitted to relevant authorities for content approval prior to dissemination.

Advertisers, advertising operators, including advertising agencies, and advertising distributors are required by PRC advertising laws and regulations to ensure that the content of the advertisements they prepare or distribute is true and in full compliance with applicable laws. In providing advertising services, advertising operators and advertising distributors must review the supporting documents provided by advertisers for advertisements and verify that the content of the advertisements complies with applicable PRC laws, rules and regulations. Prior to distributing advertisements that are subject to government censorship and approval, advertising distributors are obligated to verify

that such censorship has been performed and approval has been obtained. Violation of these regulations may result in penalties, including fines, confiscation of advertising income, orders to cease dissemination of the advertisements and orders to publish an advertisement correcting the misleading information. In circumstances involving serious violations, the SAIC or its local branches may revoke violators' licenses or permits for their advertising business operations. Furthermore, advertisers, advertising operators or advertising distributors may be subject to civil liability if they infringe on the legal rights and interests of third parties in the course of their advertising business.

We do not believe that advertisements containing content subject to restriction or censorship comprise a material portion of the advertisements displayed on our media network. However, there can be no assurance that each advertisement displayed on our network complies with relevant PRC advertising laws and regulations. Failure to comply with PRC laws and regulations relating to advertisement content restrictions governing the advertising industry in China may result in severe penalties.

Regulation on Intellectual Property

Regulation on Trademark

The Trademark Law of the PRC was adopted at the 24th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Fifth National People's Congress on August 23, 1982 and amended on February 22, 1993 and October 27, 2001. The Trademark Law sets out the guidelines on administration of trademarks and protection of the exclusive rights of trademark owners. In order to enjoy an exclusive right to use a trademark, one must register the trademark with the Trademark Bureau of the SAIC and obtain a registration certificate.

Regulation on Patents

The Patent Law of the PRC was adopted at the 4th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Sixth National People's Congress on March 12, 1984 and subsequently amended in 1992 and 2000. The Patent Law extends protection to three kinds of patents: invention patents, utility patents and design patents. According to the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law, promulgated by the State Council of the PRC on December 28, 2002 and effective on February 1, 2003, an invention patent refers to a new technical solution relating to a product, a process or improvement. When compared to existing technology, an invention patent has prominent substantive features and represents notable progress. A utility patent refers to any new technical solution relating to the shape, the structure, or their combination, of a product. Utility patents are granted for products only, not processes. A design patent (or industrial design) refers to any new design of the shape, pattern or color of a product or their combinations, which creates an aesthetic feeling and are suitable for industrial application. Inventors or designers must register with the State Intellectual Property Office to obtain patent protection. The term of protection is twenty years for invention patents and ten years for utility patents and design patents. Unauthorized use of patent constitutes an infringement and the patent holders are entitled to claims of damages, including royalties, to the extent reasonable, and lost profits.

Regulation on Copyright

The Copyright Law of the PRC was adopted at the 15th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Seventh National People's Congress on September 7, 1990 and amended on October 27, 2001. Unlike patent and trademark protection, copyrighted works do not require registration for protection in China. However, copyright owners may wish to voluntarily register with China's National Copyright Administration to establish evidence of ownership in the event enforcement actions become necessary. Consent from the copyright owners and payment of royalties are required for the use of copyrighted works. Copyrights of movies or other audio or video works usually expire fifty years after their first publication. We believe that we are in compliance with the PRC regulations on copyright.

Regulations on Foreign Currency Exchange

Foreign Currency Exchange

Pursuant to the Foreign Currency Administration Rules promulgated on August 25, 2008 and various regulations issued by SAFE and other relevant PRC government authorities, the Renminbi is freely convertible only to the extent of current account items, such as trade-related receipts and payments, interest and dividends. Capital account items, such as direct equity investments, loans and repatriation of investment, require the prior approval from SAFE or its local branch for conversion of the Renminbi into a foreign currency, such as U.S. dollars, and remittance of the foreign currency outside the PRC. Payments for transactions that take place within the PRC must be made in Renminbi. Domestic companies or individuals can repatriate foreign currency payments received from abroad or deposit these payments abroad subject to applicable regulations that expressly require repatriation within certain period. Foreign-invested enterprises may retain foreign exchange in accounts with designated foreign exchange banks

subject to a cap set by SAFE or its local branch. Foreign currencies received under current account items can be either retained or sold to financial institutions engaged in the foreign exchange settlement or sales business without prior approval from SAFE by complying with relevant regulations. Foreign exchange income under capital account can be retained or sold to financial institutions engaged in foreign exchange settlement and sales business, with prior approval from SAFE unless otherwise provided.

Our business operations, which are subject to the foreign currency exchange regulations, have all been in accordance with these regulations. We will take steps to ensure that our future operations are in compliance with these regulations.

Foreign Exchange Registration of Offshore Investment by PRC Residents

Pursuant to SAFE's Notice on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration for PRC Residents to Engage in Financing and Inbound Investment via Overseas Special Purpose Vehicles, or Circular No. 75

Dividend Distribution

The principal laws, rules and regulations governing dividends paid by PRC operating subsidiaries include the Company Law of the PRC (1993), as amended in 2006, the Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise Law (1986), as amended in 2000, and the Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise Law Implementation Rules (1990), as amended in 2001. Under these laws and regulations, PRC subsidiaries, including wholly owned foreign enterprises, or WFOEs, and domestic companies in China, may pay dividends only out of their accumulated profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, its PRC significant subsidiaries, including WFOEs and domestic companies, are required to set aside at least 10% of their after-tax profit based on PRC accounting standards each year to their statutory capital reserve fund until the cumulative amount of such reserve reaches 50% of their respective registered capital. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends.

Tax

On March 16, 2007, the Fifth Session of the Tenth National People's Congress of PRC passed the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China, or EIT Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. On November 28, 2007, the State Council at the 197th Executive Meeting passed the Regulation on the Implementation of the Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China, which became effective on January 1, 2008. The EIT Law adopted a uniform tax rate of 25% for all enterprises (including foreign-invested enterprises) and revoked the existing tax exemption, reduction and preferential treatments applicable to foreign-invested enterprises. However, there is a transition period for enterprises, whether foreign-invested or domestic, that received preferential tax treatments granted by relevant tax authorities prior to the effectiveness of the EIT Law. Enterprises that were subject to an enterprise income tax rate lower than 25% may continue to enjoy the lower rate and gradually transit to the new tax rate within five years after the effective date of the EIT Law.

Under the EIT Law, enterprises are classified as either "resident enterprises" or "non-resident enterprises." Pursuant to the EIT Law and the Implementation Rules, enterprises established under PRC laws, or enterprises established outside China whose "de facto management bodies" are located in China, are considered "resident enterprises" and subject to the uniform 25% enterprise income tax rate for their global income. According to the Implementation Rules, "de facto management body" refers to a managing body that in practice exercises overall management and control over the production and business, personnel, accounting and assets of an enterprise. Our management is currently based in China and is expected to remain in China in the future. In addition, although the EIT Law provides that "dividends, bonuses and other equity investment proceeds between qualified resident enterprises" is exempted income, and the Implementation Rules refer to "dividends, bonuses and other equity investment proceeds between qualified resident enterprises" as the investment proceeds obtained by a resident enterprise from its direct investment in another resident enterprise, however, it is unclear whether our circumstance is eligible for exemption.

Furthermore, the EIT Law and Implementation Rules provide that the "non-resident enterprises" are subject to the enterprise income tax rate of 10% on their income sourced from China, if such "non-resident enterprises" (i) do not have establishments or premises of business in China, but the relevant income does not have actual connection with their establishments or premises of business in China. Such income tax may be exempted or reduced by the State Council of the PRC or pursuant to a tax treaty between China and the jurisdictions in which its non-PRC shareholders reside. Under the Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement between Hong Kong and Mainland China, if the Hong Kong resident enterprise owns more than 25% of the equity

interest in a company in China, the 10% withholding tax on the dividends the Hong Kong resident enterprise received from such company in China is reduced to 5%. If China Net HK is considered to be a Hong Kong resident enterprise under the Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement and is considered to be a "non-resident enterprise" under the EIT Law, the dividends paid to us by Rise King WFOE may be subject to the reduced income tax rate of 5% under the Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement. However, based on the Notice on Certain Issues with Respect to the Enforcement of Dividend Provisions in Tax Treaties, issued on February 20, 2009 by the State Administration of Taxation, if the relevant PRC tax authorities determine, in their discretion, that a company benefits from such reduced income tax rate due to a structure or arrangement that is primarily tax-driven, such PRC tax authorities may adjust the preferential tax treatment.

We are in the process of evaluating the impact of the EIT Law on our results of operations. Any significant income tax expenses may have a material adverse effect on our net income in 2008 and beyond. Reduction or elimination of the financial subsidies or preferential tax treatments we currently enjoy or imposition of additional taxes on us or our subsidiary in China may significantly increase our income tax expense and materially reduce our net income.

Provisions Regarding Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors

On August 8, 2006, six PRC regulatory agencies, including CSRC, MOC, SAT, SASAC, SAIC and SAFE, jointly promulgated the M&A Rules, which became effective on September 8, 2006, to regulate foreign investment in PRC domestic enterprises. The M&A Rules provide that the MOC must be notified in advance of any change-of-control transaction in which a foreign investor takes control of a PRC domestic enterprise and any of the following situations exist: (i) the transaction involves an important industry in China; (ii) the transaction may affect national "economic security"; or (iii) the PRC domestic enterprise has a well-known trademark or historical Chinese trade name in China. The M&A Rules also contain a provision requiring offshore SPVs formed for the purpose of the overseas listing of equity interests in PRC companies and controlled directly or indirectly by PRC companies or individuals, to obtain the approval of the CSRC prior to publicly listing their securities on an overseas stock exchange. On September 21, 2006, the CSRC issued a clarification that sets forth the criteria and procedures for obtaining any required approval from the CSRC.

To date, the application of the M&A Rules is unclear. Our PRC counsel, has advised us that:

• the CSRC approval requirement applies to SPVs that acquire equity interests in PRC companies through share exchanges and cash, and seek overseas listings; and

• based on their understanding of the current PRC laws, rules and regulations and the M&A Rules, unless there are new PRC laws and regulations or clear requirements from the CSRC in any form that require the prior approval of the CSRC for the listing and trading of any overseas SPV's securities on an overseas stock exchange, the M&A Rules do not require that we obtain prior CSRC approval because: (i) the Share Exchange is a purely foreign related transaction governed by foreign laws, not subject to the jurisdiction of PRC laws and regulations; (ii) we are not a special purpose vehicle formed or controlled by PRC companies or PRC individuals; and (iii) we are owned or substantively controlled by foreigners.

However, the interpretation and application of the M&A Rules remain unclear, and the PRC government authorities have the sole discretion to determine whether the transaction is subject to the approval of the CSRC, especially when taking into consideration of the performance-based incentive option arrangement by way of the Share Transfer Agreements. If the CSRC or another PRC regulatory agency subsequently determines that CSRC approval is required for the transaction, we cannot predict how long it would take to obtain the approval. In addition, we may need to apply for a remedial approval from the CSRC and may be subject to certain administrative or other sanctions from these regulatory agencies.

Further, new rules and regulations or relevant interpretations may be issued from time to time that may require us to obtain retroactive approval from the CSRC in connection with the business combination. If this were to occur, our failure to obtain or delay in obtaining the CSRC approval for the business combination would subject us to sanctions imposed by the CSRC and other PRC regulatory agencies. These sanctions could include fines and penalties on our operations in China, restrictions or limitations on our ability to pay dividends outside of China, and other forms of sanctions that may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If the CSRC or another PRC regulatory agency subsequently determines that CSRC approval is required for the business combination, we may need to apply for a remedial approval from the CSRC and may be subject to certain administrative punishments or other sanctions from these regulatory agencies. New rules and regulations or relevant interpretations may require that we retroactively obtain approval from the CSRC in connection with the business combination. If this were to occur, our failure to obtain or delay in obtaining the CSRC approval for the transaction would subject us to sanctions imposed by the CSRC and other PRC regulatory agencies. These sanctions could include fines and penalties on our operations in China, restrictions or limitations on our ability to pay dividends outside of China, and other forms of sanctions that may materially and adversely affect our business, results of

operations and financial condition.

The M&A Rules also established additional procedures and requirements expected to make merger and acquisition activities in China by foreign investors more time-consuming and complex, including requirements in some instances that the MOC be notified in advance of any change-of-control transaction in which a foreign investor takes control of a PRC domestic enterprise. These rules may also require the approval from the MOC where overseas companies established or controlled by PRC enterprises or residents acquire affiliated domestic companies. Complying with the requirements of the new regulations to complete such transactions could be time-consuming, and any required approval processes, including MOC approval, may delay or inhibit our ability to complete such transactions, which could affect our ability to expand our business.

Property

The following table summarizes the location of real property we lease. We do not own any real property.

Item	Address	Leased/Owned
1	No. 3 Min, Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tusparh, Haidan District, Beijing, PRC, 1st Floor	Leased
2	No. 3 Min, Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tusparh, Haidan District, Beijing, PRC, 2nd Floor	Leased
3	No. 3 Min, Zhuang Road, Building 6, Yu Quan Hui Gu Tusparh, Haidan District, Beijing, PRC, Basement	Leased

Employees

As of December 31, 2010, we had 295 full-time employees, 84 of which are in sales and marketing, 92 of which are in operations and support, 55 of which are in management and administration and 64 of which are in technology and R & D.

We are compliant with local prevailing wage, contractor licensing and insurance regulations, and have good relations with our employees.

As required by PRC regulations, we participate in various employee benefit plans that are organized by municipal and provincial governments, including pension, work-related injury benefits, maternity insurance, medical and unemployment benefit plans. We are required under PRC laws to make contributions to the employee benefit plans at specified percentages of the salaries, bonuses and certain allowances of our employees, up to a maximum amount specified by the local government from time to time. Members of the retirement plan are entitled to a pension equal to