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

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 18, 2018, ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it consummated a registered direct offering of 2,150,001 shares of common stock of the Company to three institutional investors at a purchase price of \$5.15 per share. As part of the transaction, the Company also issued to the investors warrants for the purchase of up to 645,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$6.60 per share, which warrants have a term of 30 months from the date of issuance. The closing took place on January 17, 2018 and the Company received gross proceeds of approximately \$11.1 million.

The Company’s press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The opinion of Loeb & Loeb LLP, the Company’s counsel, regarding the legality of the shares of common stock and warrants that will be issued in the offering is also filed herewith as Exhibit 5.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

**No. Description**

5.1 Opinion of Loeb & Loeb LLP

99.1 ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. Press Release, dated January 18, 2018

23.1 Consent of Loeb & Loeb LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 18, 2018 ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

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