

Hirofumi Kotoi  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Hirofumi Kotoi (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/26/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. [OTCBB:CHNT]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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C/O CHINANET ONLINE  
MEDIA GROUP  
LTD.NO.3,Â MIN ZHUANG  
RD. YU QUAN HUI GU  
TUSPARK

(Street)

HAIDIAN DISTRICT,  
BEIJING,Â F4Â 100195

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	1,279,080	I	See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hirofumi Kotoi C/O CHINANET ONLINE MEDIA GROUP LTD.NO.3 MIN ZHUANG RD. YU QUAN HUI GU TUSPARK HAIDIAN DISTRICT, BEIJING, F4 100195	X			

**Signatures**

/s/ Kotoi Hirofumi,  
Director

07/06/2009

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The shares are owned by Star (China) Holdings Limited. As the controlling shareholder of Star (China) Holdings Limited, Kotoi Hirofumi may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares. Kotoi Hirofumi disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Star (China) Holdings Limited, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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