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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 14, 2017

SOHU.COM INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-30961 (Commission 98-0204667 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number) Level 18, SOHU.com Media Plaza **Identification No.)**

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 $(Address, including \ zip\ code, of\ registrant\ s\ principal\ executive\ offices$

and registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 14, 2017, the registrant announced that the special committee (the Special Committee) of the registrant is board of directors has retained Citigroup Global Markets Inc. as its financial advisor and Shearman & Sterling as its United States legal counsel in connection with its review and evaluation of the previously-announced non-binding proposal (the Proposal) that the board of directors of the registrant is majority-owned subsidiary Changyou.com Limited (NASDAQ: CYOU) (Changyou) received on May 22, 2017 from Dr. Charles Zhang, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the registrant and the Chairman of the Board of Changyou, for the acquisition of all outstanding shares in Changyou, including shares represented by American depositary shares, by an acquisition vehicle to be formed by Dr. Zhang. A copy of the press release issued by the registrant regarding the foregoing is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Special Committee is continuing its review and evaluation of the Proposal. There can be no assurance that any definitive offer relating to the Proposal will be made to Changyou, that any definitive agreement relating to the Proposal will be entered into by Changyou and by the registrant, or that a transaction based on the Proposal or any other similar transaction will be consummated.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated July 14, 2017

Safe Harbor Statement

This report may contain forward-looking statements. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the registrant s beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. The registrant cautions you that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

The registrant also cautions you that the Proposal is non-binding and incomplete, and that neither the Special Committee nor the special committee appointed by Changyou s board of directors to review and evaluate the Proposal on behalf of Changyou has made any decision with respect to the registrant s or Changyou s response to the Proposal. There can be no assurance that any definitive offer relating to the Proposal will be made to Changyou, that any definitive agreement relating to the Proposal will be entered into by Changyou and by the registrant, or that a transaction based on the Proposal or any other similar transaction will be consummated.

SIGNATURES

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: July 14, 2017 SOHU.COM INC.

By: /s/ Joanna Lv Joanna Lv Acting Chief Financial Officer