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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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21Vianet Group, Inc. Announces Clarifications Regarding the Change of Control Tender Offer

BEIJING, August 24, 2016 – 21Vianet Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: VNET) (“21Vianet” or the “Company”) today announced certain clarifications with respect to its change of control offer (the “Change of Control Offer”) to repurchase for cash all or any part of its 6.875% Bonds due 2017 (CMU Instrument No. CILHFB14015; Common Code: 108042265) (the “Bonds”) as announced on August 1, 2016.

As previously disclosed on August 16, 2016, the Company was considering whether to amend the Change of Control Offer to include a consent solicitation for a waiver from the requirement to meet certain financial ratios under the Bonds for the period ended June 30, 2016. As a result of the decrease in Adjusted EBITDA for the six month period ended June 30, 2016, the Company will not be able to meet such financial ratios. However, the Company believes that the decrease in Adjusted EBITDA was primarily attributable to non-recurring factors and one-time expenses, the effect of which the Company believes to be temporary.

After careful consideration, the Company has decided that it will not amend the Change of Control Offer. The Company will make further announcements if there are any material developments or if any consent solicitation or other tender offer is to be made.

This announcement is not an offer to purchase, a solicitation of an offer to sell or a solicitation of consents with respect to any securities. The Change of Control Offer is being made solely by the Offer to Purchase dated August 1, 2016. The Change of Control Offer is not being made to holders of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities, blue sky or other laws of such jurisdiction.

About 21Vianet

21Vianet Group, Inc. is a leading carrier-neutral internet data center services provider in China. 21Vianet provides hosting and related services, managed network services, cloud infrastructure services, content delivery network services, consumer broadband services and business VPN services, improving the reliability, security and speed of its customers’ internet infrastructure. Customers may locate their servers and networking equipment in 21Vianet’s data centers and connect to China’s internet backbone through 21Vianet’s extensive fiber optic network. In addition, 21Vianet’s proprietary smart routing technology enables customers’ data to be delivered across the internet in a faster and more reliable manner. 21Vianet operates in 44 cities throughout China, servicing a diversified and loyal base of more than 2,000 customers that span numerous industries ranging from internet companies to government entities and blue-chip enterprises to small- to mid-sized enterprises.

Safe Harbor Statement

This announcement contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made under the “safe harbor” provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements can be identified by terminology such as “will,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “future,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “estimates” and similar statements. 21Vianet may also make written or oral forward-looking statements in its reports filed with, or furnished to, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, in its annual reports to shareholders, in press releases and other written materials and in oral statements made by its officers, directors or employees to third parties. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about 21Vianet’s beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement, including but not limited to the following: 21Vianet’s goals and strategies; 21Vianet’s expansion plans; the expected growth of the data center services market; expectations regarding demand for, and market acceptance of, 21Vianet’s services; 21Vianet’s expectations regarding keeping and strengthening its relationships with customers; 21Vianet’s plans to invest in research and development to enhance its solution and service offerings; and general economic and business conditions in the regions where 21Vianet provides solutions and services. Further information regarding these and other risks is included in 21Vianet’s reports filed with, or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. All information provided in this press release and in the attachments is as of the date of this press release, and 21Vianet undertakes no duty to update such information, except as required under applicable law.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

21Vianet Group, Inc.

By : /s/ Terry Wang

Name : Terry Wang

Title : Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 24, 2016