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## **21Vianet Launches Public Preview for Microsoft Office 365 Throughout China**

BEIJING, Aug. 8, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- 21Vianet Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:VNET) ("21Vianet"), the largest carrier-neutral Internet data center services provider in China, announced today the Company and Microsoft Corporation (Nasdaq:MSFT) ("Microsoft") will begin the public preview for Microsoft Office 365 in China. The public preview will be available over 21Vianet's online cloud platform to customers throughout China beginning today.

Globally, Office 365, one of the fastest-growing businesses in Microsoft history, is now made available for consumers, businesses and educational institutions via the cloud in 40 countries and regions. Office 365 brings together Microsoft Office Professional Plus, SharePoint Online, Exchange Online and Lync Online in an always-up-to-date cloud service. Office 365 makes it easier for millions of organizations to get and use Microsoft's award-winning business productivity solutions via the cloud. With Office 365, people can work together more easily from anywhere on virtually any device, while collaborating with others inside and outside their organization in a simple and highly secure way.

Mr. Josh Chen, Chairman and CEO of 21Vianet stated: "Today's public preview of Office 365 marks a great stride forward for 21Vianet in building one of China's premier cloud computing platforms. We believe our Office 365 package will bring individual and enterprise users in China all the traditional features of Microsoft Office but with tremendous advantages in collaborative functionality, security and reliability, accessibility and upgradability, which will made possible only through our cloud platform in China. Through Office 365, and our recently launched public preview of Windows Azure, we together with Microsoft aim to provide Chinese customers with the best cloud services to support customers' evolving and growing IT infrastructure growth needs."

Mr. Shang-Wen Hsiao, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, commented, "We are very excited that the rollout of our cloud platform with Microsoft will add another important pillar of our overall growth going forward. With the ramp-up in cloud services with Microsoft, as well as our increasing business scale and diversified service offerings, we are very confident in our ability to harness the significant opportunity for revenue growth and margin expansion in coming quarters."

In November 2012, Microsoft, 21Vianet and the Shanghai Municipal Government announced a strategic partnership agreement in which Microsoft will provide Windows Azure and Office 365 technology to 21Vianet to fully operate throughout China. In June, 2013, 21Vianet released the Public Preview of Microsoft Windows Azure Services in China.

### **About 21Vianet**

21Vianet Group, Inc. is the largest carrier-neutral internet data center services provider in China. 21Vianet provides hosting and related services, managed network services, cloud infrastructure services, and content delivery network 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 43 cities throughout China, servicing a diversified and loyal base of more than 2,000 customers that span many industries ranging from internet companies to government entities and blue-chip enterprises to small- to mid-sized enterprises.

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