
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

For the month of August 2020

Commission File Number: 001-35126

21Vianet Group, Inc.

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Exhibit 5.1, Exhibit 8.1, Exhibit 8.2, Exhibit 23.2 and Exhibit 23.3 to this current report on Form 6-K are incorporated by reference into the registration statement on Form F-3 of 21Vianet Group, Inc. (File No. 333-240044), and shall be a part thereof from the date on which this report is furnished, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 5.1 — Opinion of Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP regarding the validity of the Class A ordinary shares
- Exhibit 8.1 — Opinion of Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP regarding certain Cayman Islands tax matters (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- Exhibit 8.2 — Opinion of Han Kun Law Offices regarding certain PRC tax matters
- Exhibit 23.2 — Consent of Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- Exhibit 23.3 — Consent of Han Kun Law Offices (included Exhibit 8.2)

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/ Sharon Xiao Liu
Name : Sharon Xiao Liu
Title : Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 5, 2020

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5 August 2020

Dear Sirs

21 Vianet Group, Inc.

We have acted as Cayman Islands legal advisers to 21 Vianet Group, Inc. (the "**Company**") in connection with the Company's registration statement on Form F-3, including all amendments or supplements thereto (the "**Registration Statement**"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to date relating to the offering by the Company of certain Class A ordinary shares of par value US\$0.00001 each (the "**Shares**").

We are furnishing this opinion letter as Exhibits 5.1, 8.1 and 23.2 to the Registration Statement.

1 Documents Reviewed

For the purposes of this opinion letter, we have reviewed only originals, copies or final drafts of the following documents:

- 1.1 The certificate of incorporation of the Company dated 16 October 2009 and the certificates of incorporation on change of name of the Company dated 10 November 2009 and 7 January 2011, and the amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company as adopted on 31 March 2011 and effective immediately upon the completion of the Company's initial public offering of its ADSs representing Class A Ordinary Shares (the "**Memorandum and Articles**").
 - 1.2 The minutes (the "**Minutes**") of the meetings of the board of directors held on 13 October 2019, 19 February 2020 and 16 June 2020 (the "**Meetings**").
 - 1.3 A certificate from a director of the Company, a copy of which is attached hereto (the "**Director's Certificate**").
 - 1.4 A certificate of good standing dated 3 June 2020, issued by the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands (the "**Certificate of Good Standing**").
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1.5 The Registration Statement.

2 Assumptions

The following opinions are given only as to, and based on, circumstances and matters of fact existing and known to us on the date of this opinion letter. These opinions only relate to the laws of the Cayman Islands which are in force on the date of this opinion letter. In giving these opinions we have relied (without further verification) upon the completeness and accuracy of the Director's Certificate and the Certificate of Good Standing. We have also relied upon the following assumptions, which we have not independently verified:

2.1 Copies of documents or drafts of documents provided to us are true and complete copies of, or in the final forms of, the originals.

2.2 The genuineness of all signatures, initials and seals.

2.3 There is nothing under any law (other than the law of the Cayman Islands) which would or might affect the opinions set out below.

3 Opinion

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the qualifications set out below and having regard to such legal considerations as we deem relevant, we are of the opinion that:

3.1 The Company has been duly incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability and is validly existing and in good standing with the Registrar of Companies under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

3.2 The authorised share capital of the Company is US\$15,000 divided into 1,500,000,000 shares comprising, (i) 1,199,790 Class A Ordinary Shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.00001 each; (ii) 300,000,000 Class B Ordinary Shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.00001 each; (iii) 60,000 Class C Ordinary Shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.00001 each; and (iv) 150,000 Series A Perpetual Convertible Preferred Shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.00001 each.

3.3 The issue and allotment of the Shares have been duly authorised and when allotted, issued and paid for as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Shares will be legally issued and allotted, fully paid and non-assessable. As a matter of Cayman law, a share is only issued when it has been entered in the register of members (shareholders).

3.4 The statements under the caption "Taxation" in the prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement are accurate in so far as such statements are summaries of or relate to Cayman Islands law, and such statements constitute our opinion.

4 Qualifications

In this opinion the phrase "non-assessable" means, with respect to the shares in the Company, that a shareholder shall not, solely by virtue of its status as a shareholder and in absence of a contractual arrangement, to the contrary, be liable for additional assessments or calls on the shares by the Company or its creditors (except in exceptional circumstances, such as involving fraud, the establishment of an agency relationship or an illegal or improper purpose or other circumstances in which a court may be prepared to pierce or lift the corporate veil).

Except as specifically stated herein, we make no comment with respect to any representations and warranties which may be made by or with respect to the Company in any of the documents or instruments cited in this opinion or otherwise with respect to the commercial terms of the transactions, which are the subject of this opinion.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our name under the headings “Enforceability of Civil Liabilities,” “Taxation” and “Legal Matters” and elsewhere in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Yours faithfully

/s/ Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP

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August 5, 2020

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Dear Sirs,

We are lawyers qualified in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC” or “China”, which, for purposes of this opinion only, does not include the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macau Special Administrative Region or Taiwan) and as such are qualified to issue this opinion on the laws, regulations, rules judicial interpretations and other legislations of the PRC effective as of the date hereof.

We are acting as PRC counsel to the Company in connection with the proposed offering (the “Offering”) of certain number of Class A ordinary shares of par value US\$0.00001 per share of the Company (the “Ordinary Shares”) in connection with the Company’s registration statement on Form F-3 filed on the date of this opinion, including the base prospectus, and all amendments or supplements thereto, including prospectus supplements (the “Registration Statement”).

A. Documents and Assumptions

In rendering this opinion, we have carried out due diligence and examined copies of the Registration Statement and other documents, corporate records and certificates issued by the Governmental Agencies (as defined below) (collectively the “Documents”) as we have considered necessary or advisable for the purpose of rendering this opinion. Where certain facts were not independently established and verified by us, we have relied upon certificates or statements issued or made by the relevant Governmental Agencies and appropriate representatives of the Company.

In giving this opinion, we have assumed without independent investigation that (the “Assumptions”):

- (1) all signatures, seals and chops are genuine, each signature on behalf of a party thereto is that of a person duly authorized by such party to execute the same, all Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic, and all Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the originals;
 - (2) each of the parties to the Documents (i) if a legal person or other entity, is duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization and/or incorporation, (ii) if an individual, has full capacity for civil conduct; each of them has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its, her or his obligations under the Documents to which it, she or he is a party in accordance with the laws of its jurisdiction of organization and/or the laws that it, she or he is subject to;
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- (3) the Documents presented to us remain in full force and effect on the date of this opinion and have not been revoked, amended or supplemented, and no amendments, revisions, supplements, modifications or other changes have been made, and no revocation or termination has occurred, with respect to any of the Documents after they were submitted to us for the purposes of this opinion;
- (4) the laws of jurisdictions other than the PRC which may be applicable to the execution, delivery, performance or enforcement of the Documents are complied with;
- (5) all requested Documents have been provided to us and all factual statements made to us by the Company in connection with this opinion, including but not limited to the statements set forth in the Documents, are true, correct and complete;
- (6) all explanations and interpretations provided by government officials duly reflect the official position of the relevant Governmental Agencies and are complete, true and correct;
- (7) each of the Documents is legal, valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with their respective governing laws other than PRC Laws (as defined below) in any and all respects;
- (8) all consents, licenses, permits, approvals, exemptions or authorizations required by, and all required registrations or filings with, any governmental authority or regulatory body of any jurisdiction other than the PRC in connection with the transactions contemplated under the Registration Statement and other Documents have been obtained or made, and are in full force and effect as of the date thereof; and
- (9) all Governmental Authorizations (as defined below) and other official statements and documentation obtained by the Company or any of its PRC subsidiaries from any Governmental Agency have been obtained by lawful means in due course, and the Documents provided to us conform with those documents submitted to Governmental Agencies for such purposes.

In addition, we have assumed and have not verified the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness as to factual matters of each Document we have reviewed.

B. Definitions

In addition to the terms defined in the context of this opinion, the following capitalized terms used in this opinion shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows.

“ <u>Governmental Agency</u> ”	means any national, provincial or local governmental, regulatory or administrative authority, agency or commission in the PRC, or any court, tribunal or any other judicial or arbitral body in the PRC, or any body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, judicial, legislative, law enforcement, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of a similar nature in the PRC.
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“Governmental Authorization”

means any license, approval, consent, waiver, order, sanction, certificate, authorization, filing, declaration, disclosure, registration, exemption, permission, endorsement, annual inspection, clearance, qualification, permit or license by, from or with any Governmental Agency pursuant to any PRC Laws.

“PRC Laws”

means all applicable national, provincial and local laws, regulations, rules, notices, orders, decrees and judicial interpretations of the PRC currently in effect and publicly available on the date of this opinion.

C. Opinions

Based on our review of the Documents and subject to the Assumptions and the Qualifications (as defined below), we are of the opinion that:

1. the statements made in the Registration Statement under the caption “Taxation — People’s Republic of China Taxation”, with respect to the PRC tax laws and regulations or interpretations, are correct and accurate in all material respects; and
2. the statements made in the Registration Statement under the caption “Taxation — People’s Republic of China Taxation”, insofar as such statements describe or summarize matters of the PRC Laws, constitute our opinion on such matters.

Our opinions expressed above are subject to the following qualifications (the “Qualifications”):

- (1) Our opinions are limited to PRC Laws of general application on the date hereof. We have made no investigation of, and do not express or imply any views on, the laws of any jurisdiction other than the PRC, and we have assumed that no such other laws would affect our opinions expressed above.
- (2) PRC Laws referred to herein are laws and regulations publicly available and currently in force on the date hereof and there is no guarantee that any of such laws and regulations, or the interpretation or enforcement thereof, will not be changed, amended or revoked in the future with or without retrospective effect.
- (3) Our opinions are subject to (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws in the PRC affecting creditors’ rights generally, and (ii) possible judicial or administrative actions or any PRC Laws affecting creditors’ rights.

- (4) Our opinions are subject to the effects of (i) certain legal or statutory principles affecting the enforceability of contractual rights generally under the concepts of public interests, social ethics, national security, good faith, fair dealing, and applicable statutes of limitation; (ii) any circumstance in connection with the formulation, execution or performance of any legal documents that would be deemed materially mistaken, clearly unconscionable, fraudulent, coercive or concealing illegal intentions with a lawful form; (iii) judicial discretion with respect to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief, remedies or defenses, or the calculation of damages; and (iv) the discretion of any competent PRC legislative, administrative or judicial bodies in exercising their authority in the PRC.
- (5) This opinion is issued based on our understanding of PRC Laws. For matters not explicitly provided under PRC Laws, the interpretation, implementation and application of the specific requirements under PRC Laws, as well as their application to and effect on the legality, binding effect and enforceability of certain contracts, are subject to the final discretion of competent PRC legislative, administrative and judicial authorities. Under PRC Laws, foreign investment is restricted in certain industries. The interpretation and implementation of these laws and regulations, and their application to and effect on the legality, binding effect and enforceability of contracts are subject to the discretion of the competent Governmental Agency.
- (6) The term “enforceable” or “enforceability” as used in this opinion means that the obligations assumed by the relevant obligors under the relevant Documents are of a type which the courts of the PRC may enforce. It does not mean that those obligations will necessarily be enforced in all circumstances in accordance with their respective terms and/or additional terms that may be imposed by the courts. As used in this opinion, the expression “to the best of our knowledge after due inquiry” or similar language with reference to matters of fact refers to the current, actual knowledge of the attorneys of this firm who have worked on matters for the Company in connection with the Offering and the transactions contemplated thereby. We may rely, as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent we deem proper, on certificates and confirmations of responsible officers of the Company and Governmental Agencies.
- (7) We have not undertaken any independent investigation, search or other verification action to determine the existence or absence of any fact or to prepare this opinion, and no inference as to our knowledge of the existence or absence of any fact should be drawn from our representation of the Company or the rendering of this opinion.
- (8) This opinion is intended to be used in the context which is specifically referred to herein; each paragraph shall be construed as a whole and no part shall be extracted and referred to independently.

This opinion is strictly limited to the matters stated herein and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated herein. The opinions expressed herein are rendered only as of the date hereof, and we assume no responsibility to advise you of facts, circumstances, events or developments that hereafter may be brought to our attention and that may alter, affect or modify the opinion expressed herein.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion in, and the filing hereof as an exhibit to, the Registration Statement, and to the reference to our firm's name under the headings "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities", "Taxation" and "Legal Matters" in such Registration Statement.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ HAN KUN LAW OFFICES
