

SOHU COM INC
Form 8-K
July 16, 2003

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, 2003

SOHU.COM INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-30961
(Commission File Number)

98-0204667
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Tower 2, Room 1519

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

and registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On July 14, 2003, Sohu.com Inc. completed its sale of zero coupon convertible senior notes due 2023 in a private offering, which offering resulted in net proceeds to the company of approximately \$87,750,000. The notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of July 14, 2003, between Sohu.com Inc. and The Bank of New York.

The notes and the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Sohu has agreed in a Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 14, 2003, by and between Sohu and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, for the benefit of the holders of the notes, to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement covering resales of the notes and the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes. A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement is filed as Exhibit 4.2 to this report.

On July 15, 2003, Sohu issued a press release announcing the completion of the offering of US\$90 million principal amount of zero coupon convertible senior notes due 2023. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Exhibits.

- 4.1 Indenture, dated as of July 14, 2003, between Sohu.com Inc. and The Bank of New York.
- 4.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 14, 2003, by and between Sohu.com Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.
- 99.1 Press Release issued by Sohu.com Inc. on July 15, 2003, announcing the completion of the zero coupon convertible senior note offering.

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.

SOHU.COM INC.

DATED: July 16, 2003

By: /s/ DEREK PALASCHUK

 Derek Palaschuk
 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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