

SOHU COM INC
Form 8-K
August 17, 2009

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): August 13, 2009

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.)

Level 12, Sohu.com Internet Plaza

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 13, 2009, the registrant's MMORPG subsidiary, Changyou.com Limited (Changyou), entered into an agreement with Beijing Yinhe Wanda Co., Ltd. (Wanda) to purchase Office Tower A at Beijing West Wanda Plaza in Beijing, consisting of approximately 14,950 square meters, for a purchase price of approximately RMB220 million, or \$32 million. Under the agreement with Wanda, Changyou is required to pay the purchase price in three installments, consisting of 20% within five business days after the effective date of the agreement, 50% within five business days after a mortgage on the premises is released, and the remaining 30% within 10 business days after Changyou receives documents evidencing that the title to the premises is ready for transfer to Changyou and that the premises are ready for occupancy by Changyou. Changyou will pay the purchase price from its available cash. The agreement further provides that the seller shall deliver the premises to Changyou no later than September 30, 2009. The registrant expects that title to the premises will be transferred from Wanda to Changyou in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Safe Harbor Statement

This current report on 8-K contains forward-looking statements. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore you should not place undue reliance on them.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We caution you that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the current global financial and credit markets crisis and its potential impact on the Chinese economy, the slower growth the Chinese economy experienced during the latter half of 2008 and first half of 2009, which could continue through the remainder of 2009, the uncertain regulatory landscape in the People's Republic of China, fluctuations in Sohu's quarterly operating results, EPS dilution resulting from Changyou.com Limited's initial public offering, Sohu's historical and possible future losses, and its reliance on online advertising sales, online games and wireless services (most wireless revenues are collected from a few mobile network operators) for its revenues. Further information regarding these and other risks is included in Sohu's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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: August 17, 2009

SOHU.COM INC.

By: /s/ Carol Yu
Co-President and Chief Financial Officer