



VNET Reports Unaudited Third Quarter 2021 Financial Results

November 18, 2021

BEIJING, Nov. 18, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- VNET Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: VNET) ("VNET" or the "Company"), a leading carrier- and cloud-neutral Internet data center services provider in China, today announced its unaudited financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2021. The Company will hold a conference call at 8 P.M. on November 18, 2021, U.S. Eastern Time to discuss the financial results. Dial-in details are provided at the end of this release.

Third Quarter 2021 Financial Highlights

- Net revenues in the third quarter of 2021 increased by 25.3% to RMB1.56 billion (US\$242.2 million) from RMB1.25 billion in the same period of 2020.
- Adjusted cash gross profit (non-GAAP) in the third quarter of 2021 increased by 28.2% to RMB674.5 million (US\$104.7 million) from RMB526.2 million in the same period of 2020. Adjusted cash gross margin (non-GAAP) in the third quarter of 2021 was 43.2%, compared to 42.2% in the same period of 2020.
- Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP) in the third quarter of 2021 increased by 22.2% to RMB450.4 million (US\$69.9 million) from RMB368.5 million in the same period of 2020. Adjusted EBITDA margin (non-GAAP) in the third quarter of 2021 was 28.9%, compared to 29.6% in the same period of 2020.

Third Quarter 2021 Operational Highlights

- Total cabinets under management net increased by 2,388 to 65,264, as of September 30, 2021, compared to 62,876 as of June 30, 2021, and 51,476 as of September 30, 2020.
- Retail IDC MRR¹ per cabinet was RMB9,296, compared to RMB9,074 in the same period of 2020 and RMB9,015 in the second quarter of 2021.
- Compound utilization rate was 59.8%, compared to 59.9% in the second quarter of 2021.
 - Utilization rate for mature IDCs, which consisted of IDC deliveries prior to and during 2019, was 75.5%, compared to 76.3% in the second quarter of 2021.
 - Utilization rate for ramp-up and newly-built IDCs, which consisted of IDC deliveries in 2020 and 2021, was 34.7%, compared to 29.2% in the second quarter of 2021.

Mr. Samuel Shen, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman of Retail IDC, stated, "We achieved robust financial and operating results in the quarter thanks to our methodical execution of our dual-core growth engine strategy. Leveraging our combined strengths in retail and wholesale IDC services, we successfully capitalized on growing demand for IT infrastructure across all our business segments to achieve a healthy pace in ramping up our wholesale capacity, grow and diversify our retail client base, and generate growing interest in our cloud business. By maintaining a pinpoint focus on the execution of our dual-core strategy, we are confident in our growth potential as we augment our leadership position in the carrier- and cloud-neutral Internet data center services sector in China."

Mr. Tim Chen, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, commented, "We delivered a milestone financial performance this quarter with strong top- and bottom-line growth. Despite regulatory uncertainties, both our net revenues and adjusted EBITDA during the third quarter exceeded the high end of our guidance range, increasing by 25.3% and 22.2% year over year respectively. Our strong growth was derived from our unique mix of wholesale and retail IDC solutions, and increasing demand driven by the ongoing digital transformation. As we continue to execute our growth strategies, prudently leverage our healthy balance sheet, and broaden our sector coverage, we will continue to deliver long-term value for our investors going forward."

Third Quarter 2021 Financial Results

NET REVENUES: Net revenues in the third quarter of 2021 increased by 25.3% to RMB1.56 billion (US\$242.2 million) from RMB1.25 billion in the third quarter of 2020, representing an increase of 4.2% from RMB1.50 billion in the second quarter of 2021. The year-over-year increase was mainly due to the increased demand from both wholesale and retail IDC customers, as well as the growth of revenue from cloud business.

GROSS PROFIT: Gross profit in the third quarter of 2021 was RMB375.2 million (US\$58.2 million), representing an increase of 36.4% from RMB275.1 million in the same period of 2020 and an increase of 4.4% from RMB359.5 million in the second quarter of 2021. Gross margin in the third quarter of 2021 was 24.0%, compared to 22.1% in the same period of 2020 and 24.0% in the second quarter of 2021. The year-over-year increase in gross margin was primarily attributable to the Company's optimized operating efficiency.

ADJUSTED CASH GROSS PROFIT, which excludes depreciation, amortization, and share-based compensation expenses, was RMB674.5 million (US\$104.7 million) in the third quarter of 2021, compared to RMB526.2 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB640.2 million in the second quarter of 2021. Adjusted cash gross margin in the third quarter of 2021 was 43.2%, compared to 42.2% in the same period of 2020 and 42.8% in the second

quarter of 2021.

OPERATING EXPENSES: Total operating expenses in the third quarter of 2021 were RMB261.3 million (US\$40.6 million), compared to RMB199.3 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB262.5 million in the second quarter of 2021. As a percentage of net revenues, total operating expenses in the third quarter of 2021 were 16.7%, compared to 16.0% in the same period of 2020 and 17.5% in the second quarter of 2021.

Sales and marketing expenses in the third quarter of 2021 were RMB36.4 million (US\$5.6 million), compared to RMB45.8 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB59.6 million in the second quarter of 2021.

Research and development expenses in the third quarter of 2021 were RMB53.6 million (US\$8.3 million), compared to RMB26.1 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB38.3 million in the second quarter of 2021.

General and administrative expenses in the third quarter of 2021 were RMB161.9 million (US\$25.1 million), compared to RMB127.5 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB154.2 million in the second quarter of 2021.

ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSES, which exclude share-based compensation expenses, compensation for postcombination employment in an acquisition and impairment of loan receivable to potential investee, were RMB244.0 million (US\$37.9 million) in the third quarter of 2021, compared to RMB180.5 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB235.6 million in the second quarter of 2021. As a percentage of net revenues, adjusted operating expenses in the third quarter of 2021 were 15.6%, compared to 14.5% in the same period of 2020 and 15.7% in the second quarter of 2021.

ADJUSTED EBITDA: Adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter of 2021 was RMB450.4 million (US\$69.9 million), representing an increase of 22.2% from RMB368.5 million in the same period of 2020 and an increase of 6.0% from RMB425.1 million in the second quarter of 2021. Adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter of 2021 excluded share-based compensation expenses of RMB4.6 million (US\$0.7 million). Adjusted EBITDA margin in the third quarter of 2021 was 28.9%, compared to 29.6% in the same period of 2020 and 28.4% in the second quarter of 2021.

NET PROFIT: Net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders in the third quarter of 2021 was RMB156.2 million (US\$24.2 million), compared to RMB97.1 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB455.9 million in the second quarter of 2021. Net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders in the third quarter of 2021 included changes in the fair value of convertible promissory notes of RMB185.8 million (US\$28.8 million) due to the decrease in the Company's stock price.

PROFIT/LOSS PER SHARE: Basic profit per share and diluted loss per share were RMB0.18 (US\$0.03) and RMB0.03 (US\$0.5 cent) in the third quarter of 2021, respectively, which represented the equivalent of RMB1.08 (US\$0.18) and RMB0.18 (US\$0.03) per American depositary share ("ADS"), respectively. Each ADS represents six Class A ordinary shares.

As of September 30, 2021, the aggregate amount of the Company's **cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, and short-term investments** was RMB3.94 billion (US\$612.2 million).

Net cash generated from operating activities, in the third quarter of 2021 was RMB134.7 million (US\$20.9 million), compared to RMB210.0 million in the same period of 2020 and RMB314.8 million in the second quarter of 2021.

Financial Outlook

For the fourth quarter of 2021, the Company expects net revenues to be in the range of RMB1.75 billion to RMB1.77 billion. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of RMB450 million to RMB470 million.

For the full year of 2021, the Company expects net revenues to be in the range of RMB6.19 billion to RMB6.21 billion. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of RMB1.74 billion to RMB1.76 billion. The midpoints of the Company's updated estimates imply an increase of 28.5% and 32.2% year over year in net revenues and adjusted EBITDA, respectively.

The forecast reflects the Company's current and preliminary views on the market and its operational conditions, which do not factor in any of the potential future impacts caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and are subject to change.

Conference Call

The Company will hold a conference call at 8 P.M. on November 18, 2021, U.S. Eastern Time, or 9 A.M. on November 19, 2021 Beijing Time, to discuss the financial results.

In advance of the conference call, all participants must use the following link to complete the online registration process to receive a unique registrant ID and a set of participant dial-in numbers to join the conference call.

Conference ID: 6186131
Registration Link: <http://apac.directeventreg.com/registration/event/6186131>

The replay will be accessible through November 26, 2021, by dialing the following numbers:

United States Toll Free: +1-855-452-5696
International: +61-2-8199-0299
Conference ID: 6186131

A live and archived webcast of the conference call will be available through the Company's investor relations website at <http://ir.vnet.com>.

Non-GAAP Disclosure

In evaluating its business, VNET considers and uses the following non-GAAP measures defined as non-GAAP financial measures by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a supplemental measure to review and assess its operating performance: adjusted cash gross profit, adjusted cash gross margin, adjusted operating expenses, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin. The presentation of these non-GAAP

financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. For more information on these non-GAAP financial measures, please see the table captioned "Reconciliations of GAAP and non-GAAP results" set forth at the end of this press release.

The non-GAAP financial measures are provided as additional information to help investors compare business trends among different reporting periods on a consistent basis and to enhance investors' overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance and prospects for the future. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, U.S. GAAP results. In addition, the Company's calculation of the non-GAAP financial measures may be different from the calculation used by other companies, and therefore comparability may be limited.

Exchange Rate

This announcement contains translations of certain RMB amounts into U.S. dollars ("USD") at specified rates solely for the convenience of the reader. Unless otherwise stated, all translations from RMB to USD were made at the rate of RMB6.4434 to US\$1.00, the noon buying rate in effect on September 30, 2021, in the H.10 statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board. The Company makes no representation that the RMB or USD amounts referred could be converted into USD or RMB, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all. For analytical presentation, all percentages are calculated using the numbers presented in the financial statements contained in this earnings release.

Statement Regarding Unaudited Condensed Financial Information

The unaudited financial information set forth above is preliminary and subject to potential adjustments. Adjustments to the consolidated financial statements may be identified when audit work has been performed for the Company's year-end audit, which could result in significant differences from this preliminary unaudited condensed financial information.

About VNET

VNET Group, Inc. is a leading carrier- and cloud-neutral Internet data center services provider in China. VNET provides hosting and related services, including IDC services, cloud services, and business VPN services to improve the reliability, security and speed of its customers' internet infrastructure. Customers may locate their servers and equipment in VNET's data centers and connect to China's internet backbone. VNET operates in more than 30 cities throughout China, servicing a diversified and loyal base of over 6,000 hosting and related enterprise 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," "target," "believes," "estimates" and similar statements. Among other things, quotations from management in this announcement as well as VNET's strategic and operational plans contain forward-looking statements. VNET 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 VNET'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: VNET's goals and strategies; VNET's expansion plans; the expected growth of the data center services market; expectations regarding demand for, and market acceptance of, VNET's services; VNET's expectations regarding keeping and strengthening its relationships with customers; VNET'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 VNET provides solutions and services. Further information regarding these and other risks is included in VNET's reports filed with, or furnished to, the U.S. 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 VNET undertakes no duty to update such information, except as required under applicable law.

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¹ Retail IDC MRR: Refers to Monthly Recurring Revenues for the retail IDC business.

| VNET GROUP, INC. | | |
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| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | | |
| (Amount in thousands of Renminbi ("RMB") and US dollars ("US\$")) | | |
| | As of December 31, 2020 | As of September 30, 2021 |
| | RMB | RMB US\$ |
| | (Audited) | (Unaudited) (Unaudited) |
| Assets | | |

Current assets:

| | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2,710,349 | 3,479,069 | 539,943 |
| Restricted cash | 270,450 | 324,804 | 50,409 |
| Accounts and notes receivable, net | 847,233 | 1,525,177 | 236,704 |
| Short-term investments | 285,872 | 12,971 | 2,013 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,866,184 | 2,031,667 | 315,307 |
| Amounts due from related parties | 75,519 | 73,966 | 11,479 |
| Total current assets | 6,055,607 | 7,447,654 | 1,155,855 |

Non-current assets:

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Property and equipment, net | 8,106,425 | 9,008,245 | 1,398,058 |
| Intangible assets, net | 658,195 | 913,834 | 141,825 |
| Land use rights, net | 255,373 | 339,262 | 52,653 |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets, net | 1,325,526 | 1,904,744 | 295,612 |
| Goodwill | 994,993 | 1,322,167 | 205,197 |
| Restricted cash | 135,638 | 127,615 | 19,806 |
| Deferred tax assets, net | 185,481 | 173,089 | 26,863 |
| Long-term investments, net | 135,517 | 99,972 | 15,515 |
| Amounts due from related parties | 20,562 | - | - |
| Other non-current assets | 1,500,438 | 2,313,937 | 359,117 |
| Total non-current assets | 13,318,148 | 16,202,865 | 2,514,646 |
| Total assets | 19,373,755 | 23,650,519 | 3,670,501 |

Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity**Current liabilities:**

| | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Short-term bank borrowings | 34,000 | - | - |
| Accounts and notes payable | 289,387 | 490,055 | 76,055 |
| Accrued expenses and other payables | 1,631,563 | 2,001,310 | 310,598 |
| Advances from customers | 1,041,594 | 988,402 | 153,398 |
| Deferred revenue | 63,245 | 68,494 | 10,630 |
| Income taxes payable | 29,028 | 46,649 | 7,240 |
| Amounts due to related parties | 51,007 | 1,775 | 275 |
| Current portion of long-term borrowings | 180,328 | 371,091 | 57,592 |
| Current portion of finance lease liabilities | 403,843 | 382,024 | 59,289 |
| Current portion of deferred government grant | 2,074 | 2,074 | 322 |
| Current portion of bonds payable | 1,943,619 | 1,945,087 | 301,873 |
| Current portion of operating lease liabilities | 452,272 | 497,947 | 77,280 |
| Total current liabilities | 6,121,960 | 6,794,908 | 1,054,552 |

Non-current liabilities:

| | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Long-term borrowings | 886,996 | 1,917,020 | 297,517 |
| Convertible promissory notes | 3,014,057 | 4,569,313 | 709,146 |
| Non-current portion of finance lease liabilities | 688,128 | 1,055,535 | 163,816 |
| Unrecognized tax benefits | 68,696 | 81,256 | 12,611 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 299,093 | 352,113 | 54,647 |
| Non-current portion of deferred government grant | 4,100 | 2,426 | 377 |
| Amounts due to related parties | 747,746 | - | - |
| Non-current portion of operating lease liabilities | 645,499 | 1,447,213 | 224,604 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 6,354,315 | 9,424,876 | 1,462,718 |

Shareholders' equity

| | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Treasury stock | (349,523) | (349,523) | (54,245) |
| Ordinary shares | 56 | 59 | 9 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 13,083,119 | 14,976,505 | 2,324,317 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (55,535) | (61,063) | (9,477) |
| Statutory reserves | 74,462 | 74,462 | 11,556 |
| Accumulated deficit | (7,235,113) | (7,565,741) | (1,174,185) |
| Series A perpetual convertible preferred shares | 1,047,468 | - | - |
| Total VNET Group, Inc. shareholders' equity | 6,564,934 | 7,074,699 | 1,097,975 |
| Noncontrolling interest | 332,546 | 356,036 | 55,256 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 6,897,480 | 7,430,735 | 1,153,231 |

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

19,373,755 23,650,519 3,670,501

VNET GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Amount in thousands of Renminbi ("RMB") and US dollars ("US\$") except for number of shares and per share data)

| | Three months ended | | | | Nine months ended | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | September 30, 2020 | June 30, 2021 | September 30, 2021 | | September 30, 2020 | September 30, 2021 | |
| | RMB (Unaudited) | RMB (Unaudited) | RMB (Unaudited) | US\$ (Unaudited) | RMB (Unaudited) | RMB (Unaudited) | US\$ (Unaudited) |
| Net revenues | 1,245,794 | 1,496,978 | 1,560,460 | 242,180 | 3,480,652 | 4,444,361 | 689,754 |
| Cost of revenues | (970,651) | (1,137,463) | (1,185,225) | (183,944) | (2,699,066) | (3,386,299) | (525,545) |
| Gross profit | 275,143 | 359,515 | 375,235 | 58,236 | 781,586 | 1,058,062 | 164,209 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | | | |
| Sales and marketing | (45,760) | (59,589) | (36,361) | (5,643) | (146,122) | (169,926) | (26,372) |
| Research and development | (26,078) | (38,296) | (53,591) | (8,317) | (70,727) | (125,452) | (19,470) |
| General and administrative | (127,546) | (154,243) | (161,930) | (25,131) | (372,242) | (451,419) | (70,059) |
| Reversal (allowance) for doubtful debt | 111 | (7,527) | (9,451) | (1,467) | (1,072) | (17,371) | (2,696) |
| Impairment of loan receivable to potential investee | - | (2,816) | - | - | - | (2,816) | (437) |
| Total operating expenses | (199,273) | (262,471) | (261,333) | (40,558) | (590,163) | (766,984) | (119,034) |
| Operating profit | 75,870 | 97,044 | 113,902 | 17,678 | 191,423 | 291,078 | 45,175 |
| Interest income | 6,440 | 8,103 | 9,148 | 1,420 | 27,535 | 22,960 | 3,563 |
| Interest expense | (96,366) | (87,095) | (88,013) | (13,659) | (301,366) | (259,587) | (40,287) |
| Impairment of long-term investment | - | - | (3,495) | (542) | - | (3,495) | (542) |
| Other income | 2,747 | 5,263 | 4,351 | 675 | 11,803 | 11,786 | 1,829 |
| Other expense | (4,995) | (11,872) | (3,908) | (607) | (28,986) | (19,202) | (2,980) |
| Changes in the fair value of convertible promissory notes | 24,939 | 424,107 | 185,840 | 28,842 | (1,587,115) | 601,306 | 93,321 |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss) | 114,101 | 78,026 | (16,588) | (2,574) | 72,629 | 27,592 | 4,282 |
| Gain (loss) before income tax and gain (loss) from equity method investments | 122,736 | 513,576 | 201,237 | 31,233 | (1,614,077) | 672,438 | 104,361 |
| Income tax expenses | (25,230) | (29,499) | (29,060) | (4,510) | (68,126) | (95,858) | (14,877) |
| Gain (loss) from equity method investments | 2,265 | (23,605) | (12,027) | (1,867) | (4,325) | (36,937) | (5,733) |
| Net profit (loss) | 99,771 | 460,472 | 160,150 | 24,856 | (1,686,528) | 539,643 | 83,751 |
| Net gain attributable to noncontrolling interest | (2,627) | (4,620) | (3,967) | (616) | (7,441) | (12,267) | (1,904) |
| Net profit (loss) attributable to VNET Group, Inc. | 97,144 | 455,852 | 156,183 | 24,240 | (1,693,969) | 527,376 | 81,847 |
| Deemed distribution to Series A perpetual convertible preferred shareholders | - | - | - | - | (470,643) | - | - |
| Net profit (loss) attributable to the Company's ordinary shareholders | 97,144 | 455,852 | 156,183 | 24,240 | (2,164,612) | 527,376 | 81,847 |
| Profit (loss) per share | | | | | | | |
| Basic | 0.11 | 0.52 | 0.18 | 0.03 | (3.17) | 0.60 | 0.09 |
| Diluted | 0.08 | 0.04 | (0.03) | (0.00) | (3.17) | (0.08) | (0.01) |
| Shares used in profit (loss) per share computation | | | | | | | |
| Basic* | 716,409,506 | 869,645,966 | 863,643,659 | 863,643,659 | 686,292,393 | 863,755,692 | 863,755,692 |
| Diluted* | 805,640,008 | 905,446,557 | 897,643,660 | 897,643,660 | 686,292,393 | 902,513,487 | 902,513,487 |
| Profit (loss) per ADS (6 ordinary shares equal to 1 ADS) | | | | | | | |
| Basic | 0.66 | 3.12 | 1.08 | 0.18 | (19.02) | 3.60 | 0.54 |
| Diluted | 0.48 | 0.24 | (0.18) | (0.03) | (19.02) | (0.48) | (0.06) |

* Shares used in profit (loss) per share/ADS computation were computed under weighted average method.

VNET GROUP, INC.
RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP AND NON-GAAP RESULTS
(Amount in thousands of Renminbi (“RMB”) and US dollars (“US\$”))

| | Three months ended | | | | Nine months ended | | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | September 30,2020 | June 30, 2021 | September 30, 2021 | | September 30,2020 | September 30, 2021 | |
| | RMB | RMB | RMB | US\$ | RMB | RMB | US\$ |
| Gross profit | 275,143 | 359,515 | 375,235 | 58,236 | 781,586 | 1,058,062 | 164,209 |
| Plus: depreciation and amortization | 246,747 | 277,288 | 297,046 | 46,101 | 623,954 | 852,185 | 132,257 |
| Plus: share-based compensation expenses | 4,340 | 3,444 | 2,211 | 343 | 5,369 | 9,781 | 1,518 |
| Adjusted cash gross profit | <u>526,230</u> | <u>640,247</u> | <u>674,492</u> | <u>104,680</u> | <u>1,410,909</u> | <u>1,920,028</u> | <u>297,984</u> |
| Adjusted cash gross margin | 42.2% | 42.8% | 43.2% | 43.2% | 40.5% | 43.2% | 43.2% |
| Operating expenses | (199,273) | (262,471) | (261,333) | (40,558) | (590,163) | (766,984) | (119,034) |
| Plus: share-based compensation expenses | 18,768 | 24,063 | 2,397 | 372 | 49,401 | 57,189 | 8,876 |
| Plus: compensation for postcombination employment in an acquisition | - | - | 14,959 | 2,322 | - | 14,959 | 2,322 |
| Plus: impairment of loan receivable to potential investee | - | 2,816 | - | - | - | 2,816 | 437 |
| Adjusted operating expenses | <u>(180,505)</u> | <u>(235,592)</u> | <u>(243,977)</u> | <u>(37,864)</u> | <u>(540,762)</u> | <u>(692,020)</u> | <u>(107,399)</u> |
| Operating profit | 75,870 | 97,044 | 113,902 | 17,678 | 191,423 | 291,078 | 45,175 |
| Plus: depreciation and amortization | 269,478 | 297,738 | 316,951 | 49,190 | 688,066 | 914,794 | 141,974 |
| Plus: share-based compensation expenses | 23,108 | 27,507 | 4,608 | 715 | 54,770 | 66,970 | 10,394 |
| Plus: compensation for postcombination employment in an acquisition | - | - | 14,959 | 2,322 | - | 14,959 | 2,322 |
| Plus: impairment of loan receivable to potential investee | - | 2,816 | - | - | - | 2,816 | 437 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | <u>368,456</u> | <u>425,105</u> | <u>450,420</u> | <u>69,905</u> | <u>934,259</u> | <u>1,290,617</u> | <u>200,302</u> |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 29.6% | 28.4% | 28.9% | 28.9% | 26.8% | 29.0% | 29.0% |

VNET GROUP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(Amount in thousands of Renminbi (“RMB”) and US dollars (“US\$”))

| | Three months ended | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | September 30,2020 | June 30, 2021 | September 30, 2021 | |
| | RMB | RMB | RMB | US\$ |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Net profit | 99,771 | 460,472 | 160,150 | 24,856 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net profit to net cash generated from operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 269,478 | 297,738 | 316,951 | 49,190 |
| Stock-based compensation expenses | 23,108 | 27,507 | 4,608 | 715 |
| Others | (60,721) | (344,711) | (41,287) | (6,408) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | | | | |
| Accounts and notes receivable | 74,342 | (198,696) | (245,169) | (38,050) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 438,214 | 324,091 | (148,754) | (23,086) |
| Accounts and notes payable | (4,676) | 34,035 | 51,462 | 7,987 |
| Accrued expenses and other payables | 8,016 | (1,761) | 113,093 | 17,552 |
| Deferred revenue | (2,334) | 4,228 | 5,183 | 804 |
| Advances from customers | (559,680) | (180,551) | 8,314 | 1,290 |
| Others | (75,547) | (107,546) | (89,879) | (13,949) |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | <u>209,971</u> | <u>314,806</u> | <u>134,672</u> | <u>20,901</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | |

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| Purchases of property and equipment | (786,554) | (430,071) | (650,599) | (100,971) |
| Purchases of intangible assets | (8,923) | (17,672) | (8,466) | (1,314) |
| (Payments for) proceeds from investments | (106,368) | 139,711 | (391,522) | (60,763) |
| Payments for other investing activities | (12,626) | (214,308) | (442,027) | (68,602) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(914,471)</u> | <u>(522,340)</u> | <u>(1,492,614)</u> | <u>(231,650)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares | 2,680,706 | - | - | - |
| Proceeds from bank borrowings | 24,776 | 33,623 | 385,364 | 59,808 |
| Repayments of bank borrowings | (200,000) | (30,300) | (7,469) | (1,159) |
| Payments for finance lease | (137,982) | (241,709) | (129,699) | (20,129) |
| Repurchase of 2020 Notes | (915,543) | - | - | - |
| Payment for shares repurchase | - | (1,701,807) | - | - |
| (Payments for) proceeds from other financing activities | (6,628) | 52,418 | 8,204 | 1,273 |
| Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities | <u>1,445,329</u> | <u>(1,887,775)</u> | <u>256,400</u> | <u>39,793</u> |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (108,885) | (60,905) | 11,540 | 1,791 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | 631,944 | (2,156,214) | (1,090,002) | (169,165) |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period | <u>4,822,367</u> | <u>7,177,704</u> | <u>5,021,490</u> | <u>779,323</u> |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period | <u><u>5,454,311</u></u> | <u><u>5,021,490</u></u> | <u><u>3,931,488</u></u> | <u><u>610,158</u></u> |