VNET Publishes 2025 Environmental, Social and Governance Report

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BEIJING, April 24, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- VNET Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: VNET) ("VNET" or the "Company"), a leading carrier- and cloud-neutral internet data center services provider in China, today announced it has published its 2025 Environmental, Social and Governance Report (the "2025 ESG Report"). This is VNET's sixth ESG report, highlighting the Company's 2025 initiatives and achievements in environmental practices, intelligent empowerment, ethical governance, and social responsibility.

"ESG remains central to our approach to business innovation, contributing to our operational excellence and sustainable, high-quality growth," said Josh Sheng Chen, Founder, Executive Chairperson and Interim Chief Executive Officer of VNET. "In 2025, we launched our Hyperscale 2.0 framework based on green energy and advanced our 'SHIELD' (Society, Human, Innovation, Environment, Leadership, Development) 2.0 sustainability system, delivering measurable progress toward our ESG goals. As we continue to navigate rapid technology development and industry transformation, we will deepen our commitment to sustainability, strengthening our investments in intelligent infrastructure and green data center operations to create sustainable, long-term value for both our stakeholders."

2025 ESG Report Highlights:

- Total energy from renewable sources reached 1,253,719 MWh, accounting for 36% of total resources utilized by VNET in 2025, compared with 18% in 2024.
- The average annual power usage effectiveness (PUE) was 1.24 at VNET's data centers with stabilized operations in 2025, improving from 1.27 in 2024.
- VNET officially launched its Hyperscale 2.0 framework in 2025, leveraging direct green power connection, large-scale energy integration and smart power dispatch to power the intelligent computing era.
- VNET issued the first green holding-type real estate asset-backed security in China's IDC industry in 2025, with an offering size of RMB860 million, a breakthrough in green finance and asset securitization innovation.
- VNET secured its first three-year sustainability-linked loan in 2025, raising a total of RMB650 million.
- VNET's integrated source-grid-load-storage project at its Ulanqab IDC Campus was added to the National Development and Reform Commission's (NDRC) list of green and low-carbon demonstration projects in 2025.
- VNET maintained Information Technology Service Management System (ISO/IEC 20000) and Information Security Management System (ISO/IEC 27001) certifications, covering all business lines.
- Nationwide customer satisfaction rate maintained a high level at 99.6%.
- Maintained 100% coverage of anti-corruption training for directors and employees.
- Female employees accounted for 26% of VNET's total workforce, and the percentage of female employees in management positions was 31%.
- Ongoing recognition from global leading ESG rating institutions: (i) Scored record high of 73 in the 2025 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment, ranking among the top 7% of the IT Services industry globally, and earning inclusion in the S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook for the second consecutive year; (ii) Awarded a "B" rating on the 2025 CDP Climate Change Questionnaire, with nine out of 16 categories achieving A-grade recognition; (iii) Received a "low risk" ESG Risk Rating from Sustainalytics.

To view the full 2025 ESG Report, please visit the Company's Investor Relations website at https://ir.vnet.com/ or access the report directly at https://www.vnet.com/en/esg.html.

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 7,000 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.

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