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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Chen David Lifeng</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>10# JIU XIANQIAO EAST ROAD,</u> <u>CHAOYANG DISTRICT</u> (Street) <u>BEIJING</u> <u>100016</u> (City) (State) (Zip) <u>CHINA</u> (Country)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VNET Group, Inc. [VNET]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/31/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A ordinary shares ⁽¹⁾	07/31/2026		M		83,544 ⁽²⁾	A	(2)	501,252	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Share Units (RSUs)	(3)	07/31/2026		M			83,544	(4)	(4)	Class A ordinary shares ⁽¹⁾	83,544	\$0	417,708 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents Class A ordinary shares in the form of American depositary shares, each representing six Class A ordinary shares of the issuer.
2. Represents 83,544 Class A ordinary shares in the form of American depositary shares acquired upon the vesting of the same number of RSUs on July 31, 2026.
3. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one (1) Class A ordinary share of the issuer upon vesting.
4. These RSUs were vested on July 31, 2026 and do not have an expiration date.
5. For the remaining 417,708 RSUs granted to the reporting person pursuant to the issuer's share incentive plans, 83,544 RSUs will vest on January 31, 2027, April 30, 2027 and October 31, 2027, respectively, and 83,538 RSUs will vest on October 31, 2026 and July 31, 2027, respectively. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one (1) Class A ordinary share of the issuer upon vesting.

/s/Chen David Lifeng08/04/2026

** Signature of Reporting PersonDate

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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