

SOHU COM INC
Form 8-K
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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): November 3, 2004

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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(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 November 3, 2004, we entered into loan and share pledge agreements with each of Wang Jianjun and Wang Xin. Each of Mr. Wang and Ms. Wang is an employee of Sohu.com Inc.

Pursuant to the agreements, we extended loans of \$241,546 to Mr. Wang and \$966,184 to Ms. Wang to purchase all of the shares of Beijing Heng Da Yi Tong Digital Network Technology Co., Ltd. (Hengda), which shares are currently held by one of our variable interest entities and one Sohu employee. Mr. Wang will purchase 20% of the shares and Ms. Wang will purchase 80% of the shares.

The agreements contain provisions that, subject to PRC law, (i) the loans can only be repaid to us by transferring the shares to us, (ii) the shares cannot be transferred without our approval, and (iii) we have the right to appoint all directors and senior management personnel of Hengda. Mr. Wang and Ms. Wang have pledged all of their shares in Hengda as collateral for the loans and the loans bear no interest and are due on demand after November 3, 2006 or at such time as Mr. Wang or Ms. Wang, as the case may be, is not an employee of Sohu.

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: November 8, 2004

SOHU.COM INC.

By: /s/ Carol Yu

Carol Yu
Chief Financial Officer