# 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): October 27, 2008

## 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):							
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)						
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7	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240 13e-4(c))						

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 27, 2008, the registrant announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. A copy of the press release issued by the registrant regarding the foregoing is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

On October 27, 2008, the registrant also announced that its Board of Directors has approved a stock repurchase program of up to US\$150 million of the registrant's outstanding shares of common stock until the end of 2009. A copy of the press release issued by the registrant regarding the foregoing is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **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, our historical and possible future losses, limited operating history, uncertain regulatory landscape in the People's Republic of China, fluctuations in quarterly operating results, and the company's reliance on online advertising sales, wireless services (most wireless revenues are collected from a few mobile telecom operators) and online games 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, 2007, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2008 regarding financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2008
- 99.2 Press Release dated October 27, 2008 announcing a stock repurchase program of up to US\$150 million

#### 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: October 30, 2008 SOHU.COM INC.

By: /s/ Carol Yu

Co-President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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#### SOHU.COM REPORTS THIRD QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

Third Quarter 2008 Total Revenues Reach US\$120.7 Million, Exceeding High End of Company Guidance by US\$4.7 Million; Up 134% Year-on-Year and 18% Quarter-on-Quarter;

Third Quarter 2008 Non-GAAP Fully Diluted EPS of US\$1.08, Exceeding High End of Company Guidance by 3 US Cents; Up 260% Year-on-Year and 1% Quarter-on-Quarter

BEIJING, CHINA, October 27, 2008 – Sohu.com Inc. (NASDAQ: SOHU), China's leading online media, communications, search, online games and mobile value-added services company, today reported financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008.

#### Third Quarter Highlights

- Fifth consecutive quarter of record high total revenues and record high for each revenue category: brand advertising, advertising, online games, and non-advertising revenues as well as net income. All such operating parameters were above company guidance.
- Brand advertising revenues of US\$49.4 million, up 66% year-on-year and 18% quarter-on-quarter.
- Advertising revenues of US\$51.1 million, up 62% year-on-year and 18% quarter-on-quarter.
- Online game revenues of US\$54.6 million, up 330% year-on-year and 14% quarter-on-quarter. In-house developed massive multiplayer online role-playing game Tian Long Ba Bu ("TLBB") generated revenue of US\$51.0 million, up 12% quarter-on-quarter.
- Non-advertising revenues of US\$69.5 million, up 248% year-on-year and 19% quarter-on-quarter.
- Total revenues of US\$120.7 million, up 134% year-on-year and 18% quarter-on-quarter, exceeding the high end of Company guidance by US\$4.7 million.
- Non-GAAP net income (i.e., excluding share-based compensation expense) of US\$42.8 million, or US\$1.08 per fully diluted share, exceeding the high end of company guidance by 3 US cents. Non-GAAP net income increased by 266% year-on-year and 1% quarter-on-quarter.
- GAAP net income of US\$40.3 million or US\$1.02 per fully diluted share. GAAP net income increased by 316% year-on-year and marginally higher than the second quarter of 2008.

Explanation of the Company's non-GAAP financial measures and the related reconciliations to GAAP financial measure are included in the
accompanying "Non-GAAP Disclosure" and the "Reconciliation to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations."

"Our overall business continues to perform very well and we gained strong momentum from the successful execution of our strategy in the third quarter. Our constant drive to offer premier content and cutting edge technological products, enabled us to gain market share from competitors and elevate the Sohu brand," said Dr. Charles Zhang, Chairman and CEO of Sohu.com. "As expected, Sohu benefited from the growth of the Internet in China following the Beijing 2008 Olympics and other major historic events, attracting a significant number of new users to our community who have continued to adopt Sohu as their portal of choice."

"At the same time we continue to invest in the development of products to increase user stickiness. Our online game business continues to deliver solid performance as a result of our superior development capabilities and successful strategy of focusing on users' in-game experience. Our game pipeline and licensing strategy are progressing well and on schedule with many successes including the selective export of our flagship game, TLBB, to overseas markets and a revitalization of Blade Online."

Ms. Belinda Wang, Co-President and Chief Marketing Officer of Sohu.com, said, "Strong brand advertising revenue growth this quarter was primarily driven by continued shifting of advertising budgets from offline to online, and robust spending surrounding the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Advertisers are increasingly interested in implementing their online marketing campaigns on Sohu's platform as a result of the significant expansion in unique visitors on our site. We are confident of spending patterns in the fourth quarter due in part to those advertisers who did not advertise during the Olympics and believe the fundamental trends in online spending will continue."

Dr. Gong Yu, Chief Operating Officer of Sohu.com, added, "In providing the most comprehensive, authoritative and first-hand coverage of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, Sohu enhanced its brand value and became recognized as the Number 1 Portal of Choice for Olympic reporting. By offering innovative products on our platform, we significantly increased the momentum of new users to our community."

#### **Third Quarter Financial Results**

Total revenues for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008 were US\$120.7 million, compared to revenues of US\$102.0 million for the second quarter of 2008, and US\$51.5 million for the third quarter of 2007.

The gross margin of 74% for the third quarter of 2008 was down from 76% in the second quarter of 2008, and up from 67% in the third quarter of 2007. The non-GAAP gross margin for the third quarter of 2008 of 74% was down from 76% in the second quarter of 2008, and up from 67% in the third quarter of 2007.

Net income for the third quarter of 2008 was US\$40.3 million or US\$1.02 per fully diluted share. Non-GAAP net income for third quarter of 2008 was US\$42.8 million or US\$1.08 per fully diluted share. This compares to non-GAAP net income of US\$42.3 million or US\$1.07 per fully diluted share for the second quarter of 2008 and US\$11.7 million or US\$0.30 per fully diluted share for the third quarter of 2007.

Advertising revenues for the third quarter of 2008 totaled US\$51.1 million, an 18% increase over the second quarter of 2008 and a 62% increase over the third quarter of 2007. Advertising revenues, consisting of US\$49.4 million of brand advertising and US\$1.7 million of sponsored search, accounted for 42% of total revenues in the third quarter of 2008. Brand advertising revenues for the third quarter of 2008 increased by 18% quarter-on-quarter and 66% year-on-year.

Advertising gross margin for the third quarter of 2008 was 59%, down from 64% in the previous quarter and down from 63% in the third quarter of 2007. Non-GAAP advertising gross margin for the third quarter of 2008 was 60%, down from 65% in the previous quarter and 64% in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease was mainly due to content costs surrounding the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

For the third quarter of 2008, Sohu's non-advertising revenues, which are derived mainly from online games and wireless value-added services, were US\$69.5 million, or 58% of total revenues. Online game revenues were US\$54.6 million, an increase of 14% quarter-on-quarter and 330% year-on-year, due to the continued strong performance of TLBB and successful revitalization of Blade Online. Wireless revenues were US\$14.5 million, a quarter-on-quarter increase of 58% and year-on-year increase of 112%. The quarter-on-quarter increase was primarily because a) our making of one-off tax provision of US\$2.1 million in the second quarter which was netted against wireless revenue, and b) stabilization of wireless-related regulatory and business environment throughout the quarter.

Non-advertising gross margin was 84%, flat with the second quarter of 2008 and up from 72% in the third quarter of 2007. Non-GAAP non-advertising gross margin for the third quarter of 2008 was 84%, flat with the previous quarter and up from 72% in the same quarter last year.

For the third quarter of 2008, Sohu's operating expenses totaled US\$45.0 million. Non-GAAP operating expenses totaled US\$42.7 million, up 21% from US\$35.4 million for the previous quarter and up 79% year-on-year. The year-on-year increase was primarily due to continued investment in product development, marketing expenses for Sohu's branding as well as an increase in bonuses to reward employees for their contribution to Sohu's good results. The quarter-on-quarter increase was mainly due to Olympic-related marketing spending.

For the third quarter of 2008, income tax expense was US\$5.0 million, compared to US\$0.6 million for the previous quarter and US\$0.3 million for the same period last year. In the second quarter, we had recorded a one-time income tax reversal of US\$4.1 million.

Ms. Carol Yu, Co-President and CFO of Sohu.com, commented, "The third quarter of 2008 continues the string of record total revenue and record total net income we have been consistently delivering since the middle of 2007. Management's confidence in Sohu's business prospects, our strong cash position, and debt-free balance sheet have led us to put in place yet another stock buyback program of US\$150 million, which is the highest share repurchase amount in the Company's history. This will be the third buyback program we executed during the past 5 years, with previous programs buying back a total of 2.9 million shares."

#### **Business Outlook**

Sohu estimates total revenues for the fourth quarter of 2008 to be between US\$118 million and US\$122 million, with advertising revenues of US\$45.5 million to US\$47.5 million and non-advertising revenues of US\$72.5 million to US\$74.5 million.

Sohu estimates brand advertising revenues for the fourth quarter of 2008 to be between US\$44 million and US\$46 million.

Sohu estimates online game revenues for the fourth quarter of 2008 to be between US\$57 million and US\$59 million.

Sohu estimates non-GAAP fully diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2008 to be between US\$1.20 and US\$1.25.

Assuming no new grants of share-based awards, Sohu estimates share-based compensation expense for the fourth quarter of 2008 to be between US\$2.5 million and US\$3.0 million. The estimated impact of this expense is expected to reduce Sohu's fully diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2008, under US GAAP, by US\$0.06 to US\$0.07.

#### **Non-GAAP Disclosure**

To supplement the unaudited consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), Sohu's management uses non-GAAP measures of cost of revenues, operating expenses, net income and net income per share, which are adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude the compensation cost of share-based awards granted to employees under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 123R. These measures should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results.

Sohu's management believes excluding the share-based compensation expense from its non-GAAP financial measure is useful for itself and investors. Further, the amount of share-based compensation expense cannot be anticipated by management and business line leaders and these expenses were not built into the annual budgets and quarterly forecasts, which have been the basis for information Sohu provides to analysts and investors as guidance for future operating performance. As share-based compensation expense does not involve any upfront or subsequent cash outflow, Sohu does not factor this in when evaluating and approving expenditures or when determining the allocation of its resources to its business segments. As a result, the monthly financial results for internal reporting and any performance measure for commission and bonus are based on non-GAAP financial measures that exclude share-based compensation expense.

The non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance the investors' overall understanding of Sohu's current financial performance and prospects for the future. A limitation of using non-GAAP cost of revenues, operating expenses, net income and net income per share, excluding share-based compensation expense is that the share-based compensation charge has been and will continue to be a significant recurring expense in our business for the foreseeable future. In order to mitigate these limitations we have provided specific information regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from each non-GAAP measure. The accompanying tables include details on the reconciliation between GAAP financial measures that are most directly comparable to the non-GAAP financial measures we have presented.

#### **Notes to Financial Information**

Financial information in this press release other than the information indicated as being non-GAAP is extracted from Sohu's unaudited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

On June 20, 2006, Sohu discontinued its own e-commerce platform of physical consumer goods. While processing the disposal of its e-commerce business, Sohu is reporting the related business activities as discontinued operations. Sohu's income statement separates out discontinued operations for both current and prior periods in order to focus on continuing operations and provide a consistent basis for comparing financial performance over time.

#### **Safe Harbor Statement**

This announcement contains forward-looking statements. It is currently expected the Business Outlook will not be updated until release of Sohu's next quarterly earnings announcement; however, Sohu reserves right to update its Business Outlook at any time for any reason.

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 uncertain regulatory landscape in the People's Republic of China, fluctuations in Sohu's quarterly operating results, Sohu's historical and possible future losses and limited operating history, and the company's 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, 2007, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Conference Call and Webcast**

Sohu's management team will host a conference call today at 8:00 AM EST, October 27, 2008 (or 8:00 PM, October 27, 2008 Beijing/Hong Kong time). To listen to the conference call, please use the dial in numbers below:

USA Toll Number: 1-800-219-6110 International: 1-303-262-2138

A replay of the call will be available for two weeks following the call and can be accessed by dialing the numbers below:

USA Toll Number: 1-800-405-2236 International: 1-303-590-3000 PASSCODE: 1120865#

The conference call will be available on webcast live and available for replay at: http://corp.sohu.com/.

#### **About Sohu.com**

Sohu.com Inc. (NASDAQ: SOHU) is China's premier online brand and indispensable to the daily life of millions of Chinese, providing a network of web properties and community based/web 2.0 products which offer the vast Sohu user community a broad array of choices regarding information, entertainment and communication. Sohu has built one of the most comprehensive matrices of Chinese language web properties and proprietary search engines, consisting of the mass portal and leading online media destination www.sohu.com; interactive search engine www.sogou.com; #1 online alumni club www.chinaren.com; #1 games information portal www.17173.com; the top real estate website www.focus.cn; wireless value-added services provider www.goodfeel.com.cn; and leading online mapping service provider www.go2map.com.

Sohu corporate services consist of brand advertising on its matrix of websites as well as paid listing and bid listing on its in-house developed search directory and engines. Sohu also offers two types of consumer services. The company operates two massive multi-player online role-playing games, namely Tian Long Ba Bu and Blade Online, and a casual game platform. Sohu also offers wireless value-added services such as news, information, music, ringtone and picture content sent over mobile phones. Sohu.com, established by Dr. Charles Zhang, one of China's internet pioneers, is in its twelfth year of operation.

#### **Sohu.com Contact Information**

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— TABLES TO FOLLOW —

# SOHU.COM INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED, IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	Sep. 30,	Jun. 30, 2008	Sep. 30, 2007	Sep. 30, 2008	Sep. 30,	
Revenues:	2008	2000	2007	2000	2007	
Advertising						
Brand advertising	\$ 49,398	\$ 41,691	\$29,781	\$124,244	\$ 79,940	
Sponsored search	1,737	1,693	1,745	5,044	5,578	
Subtotal of advertising revenues	51,135	43,384	31,526	129,288	85,518	
Non-advertising						
Online games	54,604	47,896	12,693	143,455	18,135	
Wireless	14,483	9,166	6,832	32,242	18,996	
Others	454	1,534	467	2,494	943	
Subtotal of non-advertising revenues	69,541	58,596	19,992	178,191	38,074	
Total revenues	120,676	101,980	51,518	307,479	123,592	
Cost of revenues:						
Advertising						
Brand advertising (includes share-based compensation expense under SFAS						
123(R) of \$288, \$295, \$382, \$892 and \$1,209 respectively)	19,018	13,907	10,253	44,177	27,684	
Sponsored search (includes share-based compensation expense under SFAS						
123(R) of \$4, \$6, \$9, \$16 and \$50, respectively)	1,775	1,605	1,330	4,900	4,291	
Subtotal of advertising cost of revenues	20,793	15,512	11,583	49,077	31,975	
Non-advertising						
Online games (includes stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123						
(R) of \$0, \$5, \$3, \$10 and \$34, respectively)	3,480	3,505	2,078	10,193	4,348	
Wireless	7,064	5,480	3,311	16,475	9,096	
Others (includes share-based compensation expense under SFAS 123(R) of		2.50	4.50	4.006	100	
\$0, \$2, \$4 and \$10, respectively)	577	378	178	1,336	409	
Subtotal of non-advertising cost of revenues	11,121	9,363	5,567	28,004	13,853	
Total cost of revenues	31,914	24,875	17,150	77,081	45,828	
Gross profit	88,762	77,105	34,368	230,398	77,764	
Operating expenses:						
Product development (includes share-based compensation expense under SFAS 123(R)	10.010	40.700		25 200	15.010	
of \$1,678, \$1,228, \$672, \$5,169 and \$2,193, respectively)	13,012	10,798	6,875	35,289	17,048	
Sales and marketing (includes share-based compensation expense under SFAS 123(R)						
of \$214, \$228, \$337, \$722 and \$1,222, respectively)	27,643	21,408	13,573	65,191	30,320	
General and administrative (includes share-based compensation expense				.=		
under SFAS 123(R) of \$377, \$394, \$616, \$1,416 and \$2,183, respectively)	4,148	4,827	4,900	15,160	11,672	
Amortization of intangibles	201	199	202	596	891	
Total operating expenses	45,004	37,232	25,550	116,236	59,931	
Operating profit	43,758	39,873	8,818	114,162	17,833	
Other income (expense)	51	(575)	575	(481)	335	
Interest income and exchange difference	1,421	1,480	608	3,067	2,434	
Income before income tax expense	45,230	40,778	10,001	116,748	20,602	
Income tax expense	(4,992)	(577)	(322)	(14,754)	(767)	
Income from continuing operations  Minority interests	40,238	40,201	9,679	101,994	19,835	
Minority interests	22	(12)	12	102.012	10.077	
Net income from continuing operations Gain (loss) from discontinued E-commerce operations	40,260	40,189	9,691	102,012	19,877	
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Net income	\$ 40,261	\$ 40,189	\$ 9,686	\$102,012	\$ 19,859	
Basic net income per share	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.26	\$ 2.68	\$ 0.54	
Shares used in computing basic net income per share	38,496	38,108	37,307	38,121	36,979	
Diluted net income per share	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.25	\$ 2.61	\$ 0.52	
Shares used in computing diluted net income per share	39,321	39,429	38,516	39,126	38,879	
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# SOHU.COM INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

		As of Sep. 30, 2008 (Unaudited)		As of Dec. 31, 2007 (Audited)	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	279,352	\$	122,706	
Accounts receivable, net		46,481		27,058	
Prepaid and other current assets		28,421		7,551	
Fixed assets, net		76,936		65,027	
Goodwill		55,555		55,542	
Intangible assets, net		6,086		7,041	
Restricted cash		2,673		4,324	
Other assets, net		4,525		1,268	
	\$	500,029	\$	290,517	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Accounts payable	\$	8,614	\$	2,667	
Accrued liabilities to suppliers and agents		35,431		23,741	
Receipts in advance and deferred revenue		30,080		14,139	
Tax payables		28,180		6,850	
Other accrued liabilities		42,103		24,216	
Total liabilities		144,408		71,613	
Minority interests		4,078		7	
Shareholders' equity	_	351,543	_	218,897	
	\$	500,029	\$	290,517	

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# RECONCILIATIONS TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

### NON-GAAP NET INCOME EXCLUDING SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION EXPENSE

	Three Months Ended Sep. 30, 2008 Non-GAAP				Three Months Ended Jun. 30, 2008 Non-GAAP				Three Months Ended Sep. 30, 2007 Non-GAAP					
	GAAP	Adjustments (a	)	Non-GAAP	GAAP			Non-GAAP		GAAP	Adjustments (a)		No	n-GAAP
Advertising revenues	\$ 51,135	\$ —	:	51,135	\$ 43,384	\$		\$	43,384	\$31,526	\$		\$	31,526
Less: Cost of advertising revenues	20,793	(29	2)	20,501	15,512		(301)		15,211	11,583		(391)		11,192
Advertising gross profit	\$ 30,342	\$ 29	2 :	30,634	\$ 27,872	\$	301	\$	28,173	\$19,943	\$	391	\$	20,334
Advertising gross margin	59%		_	60%	64%				65%	63%				64%
Non-advertising revenues	\$ 69,541	\$ —	:	69,541	\$ 58,596	\$	_	\$	58,596	\$19,992	\$	_	\$	19,992
Less: Cost of non-advertising	11 121			11 101	0.262		(7)		0.250	F F 67		(5)		F FC0
revenues	11,121			11,121	9,363		(/)		9,356	5,567		<u>(5</u> )	_	5,562
Non-advertising gross profit	\$ 58,420	<u> </u>		\$ 58,420	\$ 49,233	\$	7	\$	49,240	\$14,425	\$	5	\$	14,430
Non-advertising gross margin	84%			84%	84%			_	84%	72%			_	72%
Total revenues	\$120,676	\$ —	:	120,676	\$101,980	\$	_	\$	101,980	\$51,518	\$	_	\$	51,518
Less: Total cost of revenues	31,914	(29	2)	31,622	24,875		(308)		24,567	17,150		(396)		16,754
Gross profit	\$ 88,762	\$ 29	2 :	89,054	\$ 77,105	\$	308	\$	77,413	\$34,368	\$	396	\$	34,764
Gross margin	74%			74%	76%				76%	67%				67%
Operating expenses	\$ 45,004	\$ (2,26	9) :	\$ 42,735	\$ 37,232	\$	(1,850)	\$	35,382	\$25,550	\$	(1,625)	\$	23,925
Net income	\$ 40,261	\$ 2,56	1 :	\$ 42,822	\$ 40,189	\$	2,158	\$	42,347	\$ 9,686	\$	2,021	\$	11,707
Diluted net income per share	\$ 1.02			1.08	\$ 1.02			\$	1.07	\$ 0.25			\$	0.30
Shares used in computing diluted net income per share	39,321			39,626	39,429				39,540	38,516				38,882

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# RECONCILIATIONS TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

### NON-GAAP NET INCOME EXCLUDING SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION EXPENSE

	Nine N	2008	Nine Months Ended Sep. 30, 2007					
	GAAP	Non-GAAP GAAP Adjustments (a) Non-GAAP					on-GAAP istments (a)	Non-GAAP
Advertising revenues	\$129,288	\$		\$129,288	\$ 85,518	\$	_	\$ 85,518
Less: Cost of advertising revenues	49,077		(908)	48,169	31,975		(1,259)	30,716
Advertising gross profit	\$ 80,211	\$	908	\$ 81,119	\$ 53,543	\$	1,259	\$ 54,802
Advertising gross margin	62%	-		63%	63%			64%
Non-advertising revenues	\$178,191	\$	_	\$178,191	\$ 38,074	\$	_	\$ 38,074
Less: Cost of non-advertising revenues	28,004		(14)	27,990	13,853		(44)	13,809
Non-advertising gross profit	\$150,187	\$	14	\$150,201	\$ 24,221	\$	44	\$ 24,265
Non-advertising gross margin	84%			84%	64%			64%
Total revenues	\$307,479	\$	_	\$307,479	\$123,592	\$	_	\$123,592
Less: Total cost of revenues	77,081		(922)	76,159	45,828		(1,303)	44,525
Gross profit	\$230,398	\$	922	\$231,320	\$ 77,764	\$	1,303	\$ 79,067
Gross margin	75%			75%	63%	·		64%
Operating expenses	\$116,236	\$	(7,307)	\$108,929	\$ 59,931	\$	(5,598)	\$ 54,333
Net income	\$102,012	\$	8,229	\$110,241	\$ 19,859	\$	6,901	\$ 26,760
Diluted net income per share	\$ 2.61			\$ 2.79	\$ 0.52			\$ 0.69
Shares used in computing diluted net income per share	39,126			39,462	38,879			39,381

#### Note:

(a) To eliminate share-based compensation expense as measured using the fair value method under SFAS 123(R).





### SOHU.COM Announces US\$150 Million Stock Repurchase Program

BEIJING, CHINA, October 27, 2008 - Sohu.com Inc. (NASDAQ: SOHU), China's leading online media, communications, search, online games and mobile value-added services company, today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a stock repurchase program of up to US\$150 million of its outstanding shares of common stock until the end of 2009.

The shares may be repurchased from time to time at management's discretion at prevailing market prices in the open market in accordance with Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's management will determine the timing and amount of any repurchases based on their evaluation of market conditions, stock price and other factors. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

"This program underscores our continued confidence in Sohu's long term growth prospects and ability to maintain its position as a leading Internet portal in China," said Dr. Charles Zhang, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sohu.com. "The strength of Sohu's strong balance sheet and operating cash flow allows us to take advantage of opportunities surrounding the volatility in US equity markets to repurchase stock and add value to Sohu's shareholders."

#### **About Sohu.com**

Sohu.com Inc. (Nasdaq: SOHU - News) is China's premier online brand and indispensable to the daily life of millions of Chinese, providing a network of web properties and community based/web 2.0 products which offer the vast Sohu user community a broad array of choices regarding information, entertainment and communication. Sohu has built one of the most comprehensive matrices of Chinese language web properties and proprietary search engines, consisting of the mass portal and leading online media destination www.sohu.com; interactive search engine www.sogou.com; #1 online alumni club www.chinaren.com; #1 games information portal www.17173.com; the top real estate website www.focus.cn; wireless value-added services provider www.goodfeel.com.cn; and leading online mapping service provider www.go2map.com.

Sohu corporate services consist of brand advertising on its matrix of websites as well as paid listing and bid listing on its in-house developed search directory and engines. Sohu also offers two types of consumer services. The company operates two massive multi-player online role-playing games, namely Tian Long Ba Bu and Blade Online, and a casual game platform. Sohu also offers wireless value-added services such as news, information, music, ringtone and picture content sent over mobile phones. Sohu.com, established by Dr. Charles Zhang, one of China's Internet pioneers, is in its twelfth year of operation.

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