## **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** 

# **December 5, 2024**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# <u>Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.</u> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina	001-41761	81-3509120
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
8707 Research Drive, Irvine, California		92618
(Address of Principal Executive	Offices)	(Zip Code)
	949-418-7804 Registrant's telephone number, including area cod	e
(Fo	N/A primer name or former address, if changed since last r	report)
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the	he Act:	
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock	CTNT	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Emerging growth company   If an emerging growth company, indicate by check	4 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).  k mark if the registrant has elected not to use the ex	of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) of the tended transition period for complying with any new
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# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 5, 2024, the board of directors (the "Board") of Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. (the "Company"), a North Carolina corporation, appointed Mr. Xiangan Ruan as a director of the Company. Since January 2005, Mr. Ruan has served as a senior partner at Allbright Law Offices (Shanghai), where he oversees client relationships, provides strategic legal advice, and manages cases. Mr. Ruan received his bachelor's degree in Law from Sun Yat-sen University in July 2004 and his EMBA from Peking University in July 2021. The Company believes Mr. Ruan is well-qualified to serve as the Company's director due to his expertise in business law. Mr. Ruan was also appointed as a member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee of the Board, and as the chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board. Before serving on the Board, Mr. Ruan had no previous relationships or transactions with the Company.

On December 5, 2024, the Company extended a director offer letter to Mr. Ruan, which he accepted. A copy of the director offer letter is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. On December 5, 2024, the Company entered into an indemnification agreement with Mr. Ruan. A copy of the indemnification agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

No.	Description
10.1	<u>Director Offer Letter dated December 5, 2024 between Xiangan Ruan and the Company</u>
<u>10.2</u>	<u>Indemnification Agreement dated December 5, 2024 between Xiangan Ruan and the Company</u>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

# **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.

Date: December 11, 2024

# Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.

By: /s/ Huan Liu

Huan Liu

Chief Executive Officer, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Director, and Chairman of the Board of Directors

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December 5, 2024

Mr. Xiangan Ruan Floor 23, Building 1 Zhuoyueshijizhongxin, Fuhua Rd 3, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China, 518017

Re: <u>Director Offer Letter</u>

Dear Mr. Ruan

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Company"), is pleased to offer you a position as a member of its board of directors (the "Board"). We believe your background and experience will be a significant asset to the Company and we look forward to your participation on the Board. Should you choose to accept this position as a member of the Board, this letter agreement (this "Agreement") shall constitute an agreement between you and the Company and contains all the terms and conditions relating to the services you agree to provide to the Company.

- 1. <u>Term.</u> This Agreement is effective upon your acceptance and signature below. Your term as a director shall commence upon you being elected to the Board. Subject to the Company's bylaws and articles of incorporation, as amended, and the provisions in Section 8 below, your term shall continue until your successor is duly elected and qualified. The position shall be up for re-election each year at the annual shareholder's meeting, and upon re-election, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 2. <u>Services</u>. You shall render services as a member of the Board and the Board committees set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto (hereinafter, your "**Duties**"). During the term of this Agreement, you shall attend and participate in such number of meetings of the Board and of the Board committee(s) of which you are a member as regularly or specially called. You may attend and participate at each such meeting via teleconference, video conference, or in person. You shall consult with the other members of the Board and Board committee(s) as necessary via telephone, electronic mail, or other forms of correspondence.
- 3. <u>Compensation</u>. As compensation for your services to the Company, you will receive compensation as set forth on <u>Schedule B</u> attached hereto (hereinafter, the "Compensation") for serving on the Board during your term as a director. You shall be reimbursed for reasonable and approved expenses incurred by you in connection with the performance of your Duties.
- 4. **No Assignment.** Because of the personal nature of the services to be rendered by you, this Agreement may not be assigned by you without the prior written consent of the Company.
- 5. <u>Confidential Information; Non-Disclosure</u>. In consideration of your access to certain Confidential Information (as defined below) of the Company, and in connection with your business relationship with the Company, you hereby represent and agree as follows:
  - a. **<u>Definition</u>**. For purposes of this Agreement the term "Confidential Information" means:
  - i. Any information which the Company possesses that has been created, discovered, or developed by or for the Company, and which has or could have commercial value or utility in the business in which the Company is engaged; or
    - ii. Any information which is related to the business of the Company and is generally not known by non- Company personnel.
  - iii. Confidential Information includes, without limitation, trade secrets and any information concerning services provided by the Company, concepts, ideas, improvements, techniques, methods, research, data, know-how, software, formats, marketing plans, general analyses, business plans and analyses, strategies, forecasts, customer and supplier identities, characteristics and agreements.

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- b. Exclusions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Confidential Information" shall not include:
- i. Any information which becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a breach of the confidentiality portions of this Agreement, or any other agreement requiring confidentiality between the Company and you;
- ii. Information received from a third party in rightful possession of such information who is not restricted from disclosing such information; and
  - iii. Information known by you prior to receipt of such information from the Company, which prior knowledge can be documented.
- c. <u>Documents</u>. You agree that, without the express written consent of the Company, you will not remove from the Company's premises, any notes, formulas, programs, data, records, machines, or any other documents or items which in any manner contain or constitute Confidential Information, nor will you make reproductions or copies of same. You shall promptly return any such documents or items, along with any reproductions or copies, to the Company upon the earliest of Company's demand, termination of this Agreement, or your termination or Resignation, as defined in Section 8 herein.
- d. <u>Confidentiality</u>. You agree that you will hold in trust and confidence all Confidential Information and will not disclose to others, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information or anything relating to such information without the prior written consent of the Company, except as maybe necessary in the course of your business relationship with the Company. You further agree that you will not use any Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Company, except as may be necessary in the course of your business relationship with the Company, and that the provisions of this paragraph (d) shall survive termination of this Agreement.
- e. <u>Ownership</u>. You agree that Company shall own all right, title, and interest (including patent rights, copyrights, trade secret rights, mask work rights, trademark rights, and all other intellectual and industrial property rights of any sort throughout the world) relating to any and all inventions (whether or not patentable), works of authorship, mask works, designations, designs, know-how, ideas, and information made or conceived or reduced to practice, in whole or in part, by you during the term of this Agreement and that arise out of your Duties (collectively, "Inventions") and you will promptly disclose and provide all Inventions to the Company. You agree to assist the Company, at its expense, to further evidence, record and perfect such assignments or conveyances as may be necessary in respect hereof, and to perfect, obtain, maintain, enforce, and defend any rights assigned or otherwise conveyed.
- 6. Non-Competition. You agree and undertake that you will not, so long as you are a member of the Board and for a period of 12 months following termination of this Agreement for whatever reason, directly or indirectly, as owner, partner, joint venture, shareholder, employee, broker, agent principal, corporate officer, director, licensor, or in any other capacity whatsoever, engage in, become financially interested in, be employed by, or have any connection with any business or venture that is engaged in any activities involving services or products which compete, directly or indirectly, with the services or products provided or proposed to be provided by the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates in the People's Republic of China and the United States; provided, however, that you may own securities of any public company which is engaged in such business, but in an amount not to exceed at any one time, one percent of any class of stock or securities of such company, so long as you has no active role in the publicly owned company as director, employee, consultant, or otherwise.
- 7. Non-Solicitation. So long as you are a member of the Board and for a period of 12 months thereafter, you shall not directly or indirectly solicit for employment any individual who was an employee of the Company during your tenure.
- 8. <u>Termination and Resignation</u>. Your membership on the Board or on any Board committee shall be terminated upon your earlier disqualification, removal, resignation, death, incapacity, or any other conditions as specified in the Company's bylaws and articles of incorporation, as amended. Your membership on the Board may be terminated, with or without cause, by a vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company's voting stock, or with cause by a majority vote of the Board at a meeting at which only your removal and replacement shall be considered, as stipulated in the Company's bylaws and articles of incorporation, as amended. Your membership on any Board committee will be terminated on the same effective date when your membership on the Board is terminated. You may also terminate your membership on the Board or on any Board committee for any or no reason by delivering your written notice of resignation to the Company ("Resignation"), and such Resignation shall be effective upon the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, upon receipt of the notice of Resignation by the Company. Upon the effective date of the termination or Resignation, your right to compensation hereunder will be subject to the Company's obligations to pay you any compensation (including the vested portion of the securities of the Company) that you have already earned and to reimburse you for approved expenses already incurred in connection with your performance of your Duties as of the effective date of such termination or Resignation. Any securities of the Company that have not vested as of the effective date of such termination or Resignation shall be forfeited and cancelled.

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- 9. **Governing Law**. All questions with respect to the construction and/or enforcement of this Agreement, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall be determined in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to conflict of laws provisions therein.
- 10. Entire Agreement; Amendment; Waiver; Counterparts. This Agreement expresses the entire understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and terminates any prior oral or written agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived only with the written consent of the parties hereto. Waiver of any term or condition of this Agreement by any party shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or failure of the same term or condition or waiver of any other term or condition of this Agreement. The failure of any party at any time to require performance by any other party of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the right of any such party to require future performance of such provision or any other provision of this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts each of which will be an original and all of which taken together will constitute one and the same agreement, and may be executed using facsimiles of signatures, and a facsimile of a signature shall be deemed to be the same, and equally enforceable, as an original of such signature.
- 11. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Company shall, to the maximum extent provided under applicable law, indemnify and hold you harmless from and against any expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, judgments, fines, settlements, and other legally permissible amounts ("Losses"), incurred in connection with any proceeding arising out of, or related to, your performance of your Duties, other than any such Losses incurred as a result of your negligence, fraud, bad faith, or willful misconduct. The Company shall advance to you any expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of settlement, incurred in defending any such proceeding to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. Such costs and expenses incurred by you in defense of any such proceeding shall be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding promptly upon receipt by the Company of (a) written request for payment; (b) appropriate documentation evidencing the incurrence, amount, and nature of the costs and expenses for which payment is being sought; and (c) an undertaking adequate under applicable law made by or on your behalf to repay the amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined pursuant to any non-appealable judgment or settlement that you are not entitled to be indemnified by the Company.
- 12. **Not an Employment Agreement**. This Agreement is not an employment agreement, and shall not be construed or interpreted to create any right for you as an employee of the Company.
- 13. <u>Acknowledgement</u>. You accept this Agreement subject to all the terms and provisions of this Agreement. You agree to accept as binding, conclusive, and final all decisions or interpretations of the Board of the Company of any questions arising under this Agreement.

[Signature Page Follows]

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This Agreement has been executed and delivered by the undersigned and is made effective as of the date set first set forth above.

Sincerely,

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.

/s/ Huan Liu

By: Huan Liu

Title: Chief Executive Officer, Director, and Chairman of the Board of Directors

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

/s/ Xiangan Ruan

By: Xiangan Ruan

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# Schedule A

The Director is offered to serve on the following Board committee(s):

Committee	Title
Audit Committee	Member
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	Chairman
Compensation Committee	Member

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# Schedule B

Compensation

During your term as a member of the Board, you will receive cash compensation in the amount of US\$20,000 per year, which shall be paid to you on a six month basis.

### INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

THIS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of <u>December 5</u>, 2024 between Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Company"), and Xiangan Ruan, an individual ("Indemnitee"). This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all previous agreements between the Company and Indemnitee covering the subject matter of this Agreement.

### WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Indemnitee performs a valuable service for the Company;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has adopted bylaws (the "Bylaws") providing for the indemnification of the officers and directors of the Company to the maximum extent authorized by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1955 (the "NCBCA");

WHEREAS, the Bylaws and Article 8 of the NCBCA, as amended ("Article 8"), by their nonexclusive nature, permit contracts between the Company and the officers or directors of the Company with respect to indemnification of its officers or directors;

WHEREAS, this Agreement is supplemental to and in furtherance of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles of Incorporation"), the Bylaws and any resolutions adopted pursuant thereto, and shall not be deemed a substitute therefor, nor to diminish or abrogate any rights of Indemnitee thereunder;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authorization as provided by Article 8, the Company may purchase and maintain a policy or policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance, covering certain liabilities which may be incurred by its officers or directors in the performance of their obligations to the Company; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce Indemnitee to continue to serve as an officer or director of the Company, the Company has determined and agreed to enter into this contract with Indemnitee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Indemnitee's service as an officer or director after the date hereof, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:
  - (a) "Corporate Status" means the status of a person who is or was a director (including, without limitation, serving as a member of any committee or subcommittee of the Board), officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of the Company (or any subsidiary of the Company) or of any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise that the person is or was serving at the express written request of the Company.
  - (b) "Disinterested Director" means a director of the Company who is not and was not a party to the Proceeding in respect of which indemnification is sought by Indemnitee.

- (c) "Enterprise" means the Company and any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise that Indemnitee is or was serving at the express written request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary.
- (d) "Expenses" means all reasonable attorneys' fees, retainers, court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes imposed on Indemnitee as a result of the actual or deemed receipt of any payments under this Agreement, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, excise taxes and penalties, and all other disbursements or expenses of the types customarily incurred in connection with prosecuting, defending, preparing to prosecute or defend, investigating, participating, or being or preparing to be a witness in a Proceeding. Expenses also shall include (i) Expenses incurred in connection with any appeal resulting from any Proceeding, including, without limitation, the premium, security for, and other costs relating to, any cost bond, supersedeas bond, or other appeal bond or its equivalent, and (ii) for purposes of Section 7(d) only, Expenses incurred by Indemnitee in connection with the interpretation, enforcement or defense of Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement, by litigation or otherwise. The parties agree that for the purposes of any advancement of Expenses for which Indemnitee has made written demand to the Company in accordance with this Agreement, all Expenses included in the demand that are certified by affidavit of Indemnitee's counsel as being reasonable shall be presumed conclusively to be reasonable. Expenses, however, shall not include amounts paid in settlement by Indemnitee or the amount of judgments or fines against Indemnitee.
- (e) "Independent Counsel" means a law firm, or a member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the past five years has been, retained to represent: (i) the Company or Indemnitee in any matter material to either party (other than with respect to matters concerning Indemnitee under this Agreement, or of other indemnitees under similar indemnification agreements), or (ii) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Independent Counsel" shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Company or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement. The Company agrees to pay the reasonable fees and expenses of the Independent Counsel referred to above and to fully indemnify the Independent Counsel against any and all Expenses, claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its engagement pursuant hereto.
- (f) "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, claim, counterclaim, cross claim, arbitration, mediation, alternate dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, inquiry, administrative hearing or any other actual, threatened or completed proceeding, whether brought by or in the right of the Company or otherwise and whether of a civil, criminal, administrative, legislative or investigative (formal or informal) nature, including any appeal therefrom, in which Indemnitee was, is or will be involved as a party, potential party, non-party witness or otherwise by reason of the fact that Indemnitee is or was an officer or director of the Company, by reason of any action taken by Indemnitee or of any inaction on Indemnitee's part while acting as an officer or director of the Company, or by reason of the fact that Indemnitee is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other Enterprise or of any action (or failure to act) on Indemnitee's part while acting pursuant to Indemnitee's Corporate Status; in each case whether or not Indemnitee is acting or serving in that capacity at the time any liability or Expense is incurred for which indemnification, reimbursement, or advancement of Expenses can be provided under this Agreement; including one pending on or before the date of this Agreement, but excluding one initiated by an Indemnitee pursuant to Section 7 hereof to enforce Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement. If the Indemnitee believes in good faith that a given situation may lead to or culminate in the institution of a Proceeding, this shall be considered a Proceeding under this paragraph.

- 2. <u>Indemnification of Indemnitee</u>. The Company hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Indemnitee to the full extent authorized or permitted by the provisions of Article 8, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws, all as may be amended from time to time. In furtherance of the foregoing indemnification, and without limiting the generality thereof:
  - (a) Proceedings Other Than Proceedings by or in the Right of the Company. The Company shall indemnify Indemnitee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2(a) if, by reason of Indemnitee's Corporate Status, Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be made, a party to or participant in any Proceeding other than a Proceeding by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor. Pursuant to this Section 2(a), the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law against all Expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement (including all interest, assessments and other charges paid or payable in connection with or in respect of those Expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee, or on Indemnitee's behalf, in connection with the Proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, if Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and with respect to any criminal Proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe Indemnitee's conduct was unlawful. The parties hereto intend that this Agreement shall provide to the fullest extent permitted by law for indemnification in excess of that expressly permitted by statute, including, without limitation, any indemnification provided by the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the vote of its stockholders or Disinterested Directors, or applicable law.
  - (b) Proceedings by or in the Right of the Company. The Company shall indemnify Indemnitee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2(b) if, by reason of Indemnitee's Corporate Status, Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be made, a party to or participant in any Proceeding brought by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor. Pursuant to this Section 2(b), the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee, or on Indemnitee's behalf, in connection with the Proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, if Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company. No indemnification of Expenses shall be made under this Section 2(b) in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which Indemnitee shall have been finally adjudged by a court to be liable to the Company, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the Proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, Indemnitee is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification.

(c) <u>Indemnification of Expenses of a Party Who is Wholly or Partly Successful</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and to the extent that Indemnitee is, by reason of Indemnitee's Corporate Status, a party to (or a participant in) and is successful, on the merits or otherwise, in any Proceeding or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, in whole or in part, the Company shall indemnity Indemnitee against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection therewith. If Indemnitee is not wholly successful in the Proceeding but is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in the Proceeding, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter to the fullest extent permitted by law. For purposes of this <u>Section 2(c)</u> and without limitation, the termination of any claim, issue or matter in a Proceeding by dismissal, with or without prejudice, shall be deemed to be a successful result as to that claim, issue or matter.

### 3. <u>Additional Indemnity</u>.

- (a) In addition to, and without regard to any limitations on, the indemnification provided for in Section 2 hereof, the Company shall and hereby does indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitee, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, against all Expenses, judgments, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf if, by reason of Indemnitee's Corporate Status, Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be made, a party to or participant in any Proceeding (including a Proceeding by or in the right of the Company), including, without limitation, all liability arising out of the negligence or active or passive wrongdoing of Indemnitee. The only limitation that shall exist upon the Company's obligations pursuant to this Agreement shall be that the Company shall not be obligated to make any payment to Indemnitee that is finally determined (under the procedures, and subject to the presumptions, set forth in Sections 7 and 8 hereof) to be unlawful under North Carolina law.
- (b) For the purposes of Section 2(a), the meaning of the phrase "to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law" shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (i) to the fullest extent permitted by the provision of the NCBCA that authorizes or contemplates additional indemnification by agreement, or the corresponding provision of any amendment to or replacement of the NCBCA, and
  - (ii) to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by any amendments to or replacements of the NCBCA adopted after the date of this Agreement that increase the extent to which a corporation may indemnify its officers and directors.
- 4. <u>Indemnification of Expenses of a Witness</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and to the extent that Indemnitee is, by reason of Indemnitee's Corporate Status, a witness or otherwise asked to participate in any Proceeding to which Indemnitee is not a party, Indemnitee shall be indemnified against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection therewith.

- 5. Advancement of Expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary (other than Section 7), the Company shall advance, to the extent not prohibited by law, the Expenses incurred by or on behalf of Indemnitee in connection with any Proceeding (or any part of any Proceeding) not initiated by Indemnitee. The Company shall make this advancement within 10 days after the receipt by the Company of a statement or statements from Indemnitee requesting the advance or advances from time to time, whether prior to or after final disposition of the Proceeding. The Indemnitee's statement or statements shall reasonably evidence the Expenses incurred by Indemnitee and shall include or be preceded or accompanied by an undertaking by or on behalf of Indemnitee to repay any Expenses advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified against the Expenses. Any advances and undertakings to repay pursuant to this Section 5 shall be unsecured and interest free. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligation of the Company to advance Expenses pursuant to this Section 5 shall be subject to the condition that, if, when, and to the extent that the Company determines that Indemnitee would not be permitted to be indemnified under applicable law, the Indemnitee shall reimburse the Company for all amounts theretofore paid within 30 days of this determination; provided, however, that if Indemnitee has commenced or thereafter commences legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure a determination that Indemnitee should be indemnified under applicable law, any determination made by the Company that Indemnitee would not be permitted to be indemnified under applicable law shall not be binding and Indemnitee shall not be required to reimburse the Company for any advance of Expenses until a final judicial determination is made with respect thereto (and as to which all rights of appeal therefrom have been exhausted or lapsed). No other form of undertaking shall be r
- 6. <u>Procedures and Presumptions for Determination of Entitlement to Indemnification</u>. It is the intent of this Agreement to secure for Indemnitee rights of indemnity that are as favorable as may be permitted under Article 8 and the public policy of the State of North Carolina. Accordingly, the parties agree that the following procedures and presumptions shall apply in the event of any question as to whether Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement:
  - (a) To obtain indemnification (including, but not limited to, the advancement of Expenses and contribution by the Company) under this Agreement, Indemnitee shall submit to the Company a written request, including therein or therewith documentation and information as is reasonably available to Indemnitee and is reasonably necessary to determine whether and to what extent Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification. The Secretary of the Company shall, promptly upon receipt of the written request for indemnification, advise the Board in writing that Indemnitee has requested indemnification.
  - (b) Upon written request by Indemnitee for indemnification pursuant to the first sentence of Section 6(a) hereof, a determination, if required by applicable law, with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement thereto shall be made in the specific case by one of the following three methods, which shall be at the election of Board:
    - (i) a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors, even if less than a quorum;
    - (ii) Independent Counsel in a written opinion; or
    - (iii) a vote of the Company's stockholders.

- (c) If the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by Independent Counsel pursuant to Section 6(b)(ii) hereof, the Independent Counsel shall be selected as provided in this Section 6(c). The Independent Counsel shall be selected by the Company. Indemnitee may, within 10 days after written notice of selection shall have been given, deliver to the Company a written objection to the selection; provided, however, that the objection may be asserted only on the ground that the Independent Counsel so selected does not meet the requirements of "Independent Counsel" as defined in Section 1(e) hereof, and the objection shall set forth with particularity the factual basis of this assertion. Absent a proper and timely objection, the person so selected shall act as Independent Counsel. If a written objection is made and substantiated, the Independent Counsel selected may not serve as Independent Counsel unless and until the objection is withdrawn or a court has determined that the objection is without merit. If, within 20 days after the later of submission by Indemnitee of a written request for indemnification pursuant to Section 6(a) hereof and the final disposition of the Proceeding, no Independent Counsel shall have been selected and not objected to, either the Company or Indemnitee may petition the court of competent jurisdiction for resolution of any objection which shall have been made by Indemnitee to the selection of Independent Counsel or for the appointment as Independent Counsel of a person selected by the court or by any other person as the court shall designate, and the person with respect to whom all objections are so resolved or the person so appointed shall act as Independent Counsel under Section 6(b) hereof. The Company shall pay any and all reasonable fees and expenses of Independent Counsel incurred by the Independent Counsel in connection with acting pursuant to Section 6(b) hereof, and the Company shall pay all reasonable fees and expenses incident to the procedures of this Sectio
- (d) In making a determination with respect to entitlement to indemnification hereunder, the person, persons or entity making the determination shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, presume that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement. Anyone seeking to overcome this presumption shall have the burden of proof and the burden of persuasion by clear and convincing evidence.
- (e) For the purposes of any determination of good faith, Indemnitee shall be deemed to have acted in good faith if Indemnitee's action is based on the records or books of account of the Enterprise, including financial statements, or on information supplied to Indemnitee by the directors or officers of the Enterprise in the course of their duties, or on the advice of legal counsel for the Enterprise or on information or records given or reports made to the Enterprise by an independent certified public accountant or by an appraiser or other expert selected with reasonable care by the Enterprise. In addition, the knowledge and actions, or failure to act, of any director, officer, agent or employee of the Enterprise shall not be imputed to Indemnitee for purposes of determining the right to indemnification under this Agreement. Whether or not the foregoing provisions of this Section 6(e) are satisfied, it shall in any event be presumed that Indemnitee has at all times acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company. Anyone seeking to overcome this presumption shall have the burden of proof and the burden of persuasion by clear and convincing evidence.

- (f) If the person, persons or entity empowered or selected under this Section 6 to determine whether Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification shall not have made a determination within 30 days after receipt by the Company of the request therefor, the requisite determination of entitlement to indemnification shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, be deemed to have been made and Indemnitee shall be entitled to indemnification absent (i) a misstatement by Indemnitee of a material fact, or an omission of a material fact necessary to make Indemnitee's statement not materially misleading, in connection with the request for indemnification, or (ii) a prohibition of indemnification under applicable law; provided, however, that the 30-day period may be extended for a reasonable time, not to exceed an additional 15 days, if the person, persons or entity making the determination with respect to entitlement to indemnification in good faith requires additional time to obtain or evaluate documentation and information relating thereto; and provided further, that the foregoing provisions of this Section 6(f) shall not apply if the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by the stockholders pursuant to Section 6(b) hereof and if (x) within 15 days after receipt by the Company of the request for this determination, the Board or the Disinterested Directors, if appropriate, resolve to submit the determination to the stockholders for their consideration at an annual meeting thereof to be held within 75 days after such receipt and such determination is made thereat, or (y) a special meeting of stockholders is called within 15 days after such receipt for the purpose of making such determination, such meeting is held for such purpose within 60 days after having been so called and such determination is made thereat.
- (g) Indemnitee shall cooperate with the person, persons or entity making the determination with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification, including providing to the person, persons or entity upon reasonable advance request any documentation or information which is not privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure and which is reasonably available to Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to the determination. Any Independent Counsel, member of the Board or stockholder of the Company shall act reasonably and in good faith in making a determination regarding the Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification under this Agreement. Any costs or expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements) incurred by Indemnitee in so cooperating with the person, persons or entity making the determination shall be borne by the Company (irrespective of the determination as to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification) and the Company hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold Indemnitee harmless therefrom.
- (h) The Company acknowledges that a settlement or other disposition short of final judgment may be successful if it permits a party to avoid expense, delay, distraction, disruption and uncertainty. In the event that any action, claim or proceeding to which Indemnitee is a party is resolved in any manner other than by adverse judgment against Indemnitee (including, without limitation, settlement of such action, claim or proceeding with or without payment of money or other consideration) it shall be presumed that Indemnitee has been successful on the merits or otherwise in such action, suit or proceeding. Anyone seeking to overcome this presumption shall have the burden of proof and the burden of persuasion by clear and convincing evidence.

### Remedies of Indemnitee.

- (a) In the event that (i) a determination is made pursuant to Section 6 hereof that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this Agreement, (ii) advancement of Expenses is not timely made pursuant to Section 5 hereof, (iii) no determination of entitlement to indemnification is made pursuant to Section 6(b) hereof within 90 days after receipt by the Company of the request for indemnification, (iv) payment of indemnification is not made pursuant to this Agreement within 10 days after receipt by the Company of a written request therefor, (v) payment of indemnification is not made within 10 days after a determination has been made that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification or the determination is deemed to have been made pursuant to Section 6 hereof, or (vi) in the event that the Company or any other person takes or threatens to take any action to declare this Agreement void or unenforceable, or institutes any litigation or other action or Proceeding designed to deny, or to recover from the Indemnitee the benefits provided or intended to be provided to the Indemnitee hereunder, Indemnitee shall be entitled to an adjudication in an appropriate court of the State of North Carolina, or in any other court of competent jurisdiction, of Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification or advancement of Expenses. Alternatively, Indemnitee, at Indemnitee's option, may seek an award in arbitration to be conducted by a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Indemnitee shall commence the proceeding seeking an adjudication or an award in arbitration within 180 days following the date on which Indemnitee first has the right to commence such proceeding pursuant to this Section 7(a). The Company shall not oppose Indemnitee's right to seek any such adjudication or award in arbitration.
- (b) In the event that a determination shall have been made pursuant to Section 6(b) hereof that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification, any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this Section 7 shall be conducted in all respects as a *de novo* trial, or arbitration, on the merits, and Indemnitee shall not be prejudiced by reason of the adverse determination under Section 6(b) hereof. In any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this Section 7 the Company shall have the burden of proving Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification or advancement of Expenses, as the case may be.
- (c) If a determination shall have been made pursuant to Section 6(b) hereof that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, the Company shall be bound by this determination in any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this Section 7, absent (i) a misstatement by Indemnitee of a material fact, or an omission of a material fact necessary to make Indemnitee's statement not materially misleading, in connection with the request for indemnification, or (ii) a prohibition of indemnification under applicable law.
- (d) In the event that Indemnitee, pursuant to this Section 7, seeks a judicial adjudication of Indemnitee's rights under, or to recover damages for breach of, this Agreement, or to recover under any directors' and officers' liability insurance policies maintained by the Company, the Company shall pay on Indemnitee's behalf, in advance, any and all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee in the judicial adjudication, regardless of whether Indemnitee ultimately is determined to be entitled to indemnification, advancement of expenses or insurance recovery.

- (e) The Company shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, be precluded from asserting in any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this Section 7 that the procedures and presumptions of this Agreement are not valid, binding and enforceable and shall stipulate in any such court or before any such arbitrator that the Company is bound by all the provisions of this Agreement.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, no determination as to entitlement of Indemnitee to indemnification under this Agreement shall be required to be made prior to the final disposition of the Proceeding.
- 8. Non-Exclusivity; Survival of Rights; Insurance; Primacy of Indemnification; Subrogation.
  - (a) The rights of indemnification and to receive advancement of Expenses as provided by this Agreement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which Indemnitee may at any time be entitled under applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, any agreement, a vote of stockholders, a resolution of directors or otherwise. No amendment, alteration or repeal of this Agreement or of any provision hereof shall limit or restrict any right of Indemnitee under this Agreement in respect of any action taken or omitted by the Indemnitee in Indemnitee's Corporate Status prior to the amendment, alteration or repeal. To the extent that a change in Article 8, whether by statute or judicial decision, permits greater indemnification or advancement of Expenses than would be afforded currently under the Bylaws and this Agreement, it is the intent of the parties hereto that Indemnitee shall enjoy by this Agreement the greater benefits so afforded by such change. No right or remedy herein conferred is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every other right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other right or remedy.
  - (b) To the extent that the Company maintains an insurance policy or policies providing liability insurance for directors, officers, employees, or agents or fiduciaries of the Company or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise that such person serves at the request of the Company, Indemnitee shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their terms to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary under such policy or policies.
- 9. <u>Liability Insurance</u>. The Company currently maintains liability insurance applicable to directors, officers, employees, or agents, and, to the extent liability insurance of comparable scope can continue to be purchased at reasonable cost, the Company shall continue to maintain this coverage. Indemnitee shall be covered by these policies in such a manner as to provide the Indemnitee the same rights and benefits as are provided to the most favorably insured of the Company's directors. The Company shall notify Indemnitee of any change, lapse or cancellation of this coverage.

- 10. Exception to Right of Indemnification. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Indemnitee shall not be entitled to indemnification under this Agreement with respect to any Proceeding brought by Indemnitee, or any claim therein, unless (a) the bringing of such Proceeding or making of such claim shall have been approved by the Board or (b) such Proceeding is being brought by Indemnitee to assert, interpret or enforce Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement. The Company shall not be obligated to indemnify Indemnitee against amounts paid in settlement of a Proceeding against Indemnitee if the settlement is effected by Indemnitee without the Company's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, unless the settlement solely involves the payment of money or performance of any obligation by persons other than the Company and includes an unconditional release of the Company by all relevant parties from all liability on any matters that are the subject of such Proceeding and an acknowledgment that the Company denies all wrongdoing in connection with such matters. The Company shall not, without the prior written consent of Indemnitee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, effect any settlement of any Proceeding against Indemnitee or which could have been brought against Indemnitee or which potentially or actually imposes any cost, liability, exposure or burden on Indemnitee, unless the settlement solely involves the payment of money or performance of any obligation by persons other than Indemnitee and includes an unconditional release of Indemnitee by all relevant parties from all liability on any matters that are the subject of such Proceeding and an acknowledgment that Indemnitee denies all wrongdoing in connection with such matters.
- 11. <u>Duration of Agreement</u>. All agreements and obligations of the Company contained herein shall continue during the period Indemnitee is an officer or director of the Company (or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise) and shall continue thereafter so long as Indemnitee could be subject to any Proceeding (or any proceeding commenced under <u>Section 7</u> hereof) by reason of Indemnitee's Corporate Status, whether or not Indemnitee is acting or serving in any such capacity at the time any liability or expense is incurred for which indemnification can be provided under this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors (including any direct or indirect successor by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company), assigns, spouses, heirs, executors and personal and legal representatives.
- 12. <u>Security</u>. To the extent requested by Indemnitee and approved by the Board, the Company may at any time and from time to time provide security to Indemnitee for the Company's obligations hereunder through an irrevocable bank line of credit, funded trust or other collateral. Any such security, once provided to Indemnitee, may not be revoked or released without the prior written consent of the Indemnitee.
- 13. Severability. If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, illegal or otherwise unenforceable for any reason whatsoever: (a) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, each portion of any section of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable that is not itself invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law; and (b) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, each portion of any section of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable that is not itself invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested thereby. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement is intended to confer upon Indemnitee indemnification rights to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws. In the event any provision hereof conflicts with any applicable law, such provision shall be deemed modified, consistent with the aforementioned intent, to the extent necessary to resolve such conflict.

### 14. Enforcement.

- (a) The Company expressly confirms and agrees that it has entered into this Agreement and assumed the obligations imposed on it hereby in order to induce Indemnitee to serve as a director or officer of the Company, and the Company acknowledges that Indemnitee is relying upon this Agreement in serving as a director or officer of the Company.
- (b) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral, written and implied, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; *provided*, *however*, that this Agreement is a supplement to and in furtherance of the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and applicable law, and shall not be deemed a substitute therefor, nor to diminish or abrogate any rights of Indemnitee thereunder.
- 15. <u>Modification and Waiver</u>. No supplement, modification, termination or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both of the parties hereto. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provisions hereof (whether or not similar) nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.
- 16. <u>Notice By Indemnitee</u>. Indemnitee agrees promptly to notify the Company in writing upon being served with or otherwise receiving any summons, citation, subpoena, complaint, indictment, information or other document relating to any Proceeding or matter which may be subject to indemnification covered hereunder. The failure to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of any obligation which it may have to Indemnitee under this Agreement or otherwise unless and only to the extent that such failure or delay materially prejudices the Company.
- 17. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (a) delivered by hand and receipted for by the party to whom said notice or other communication shall have been directed, (b) mailed by certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, on the third business day after the date on which it is so mailed, or (c) mailed with a nationally recognized overnight courier specifying next day delivery with written verification of receipt, on the first business day after the date on which it is so mailed:
  - (a) If to Indemnitee, to the address set forth below Indemnitee signature hereto.
  - (b) If to the Company, to:

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. 8707 Research Drive Irvine, California 92618 Attention: Huan Liu with a copy (which does not constitute notice) to: Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC

950 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022 Attention: Ying Li, Esq.

or to any other address as may have been furnished to Indemnitee by the Company or to the Company by Indemnitee, as the case may be.

- 18. <u>Contribution</u>. To the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, if the indemnification provided for in this Agreement is unavailable to Indemnitee for any reason whatsoever, the Company, in lieu of indemnifying Indemnitee, shall contribute to the amount incurred by Indemnitee, whether for judgments, fines, penalties, excise taxes, amounts paid or to be paid in settlement and for Expenses, in connection with any claim relating to an indemnifiable event under this Agreement, in such proportion as is deemed fair and reasonable in light of all of the circumstances of such Proceeding in order to reflect (a) the relative benefits received by the Company and Indemnitee as a result of the events or transactions giving cause to such Proceeding, and (b) the relative fault of the Company (and its directors, officers, employees and agents) and Indemnitee in connection with such events or transactions.
- 19. <u>Identical Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Only one such counterpart signed by the party against whom enforceability is sought needs to be produced to evidence the existence of this Agreement.
- 20. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Agreement or to affect the construction thereof.
- 21. <u>Governing Law</u>. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without application of the conflict of laws principles thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on and as of the day and year first above written.

### Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.

By: /s/ Huan Liu

Name: Huan Liu

Title: Chief Executive Officer, Chair of the Board of Directors

INDEMNITEE

Name: Xiangan Ruan

/s/ Xiangan Ruan

Address: Floor 23, Building 1 Zhuoyueshijizhongxin, Fuhua Rd 3, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China, 518017

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