### **CNET NETWORKS INC**

Form 3

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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \*

(Last)

Statement (Month/Day/Year)

01/08/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CNET NETWORKS INC [CNET]

 **SANDELL ASSET** MANAGEMENT CORP

(Middle)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

See Remarks

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

40 WEST 57TH

STREET. 26TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

(First)

Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group

10% Owner \_X\_\_ Other Officer (give title below) (specify below)

Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10019

Reporting Person Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock (1) (2) (3)

700,000

Â D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

**Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Derivative

4.

Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/28/2007	01/04/2013	Common Stock	967,500	\$ 9.05	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/28/2007	11/20/2012	Common Stock	107,500	\$ 9.05	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/31/2007	01/04/2013	Common Stock	625,410	\$ 9.08	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/31/2007	11/20/2012	Common Stock	69,490	\$ 9.08	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	01/02/2008	01/04/2013	Common Stock	1,620,000	\$ 8.88	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	01/02/2008	11/20/2012	Common Stock	180,000	\$ 8.88	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/20/2007	01/26/2009	Common Stock	649,200	\$ 8.06	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/21/2007	01/27/2009	Common Stock	594,000	\$ 8.38	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/24/2007	01/28/2009	Common Stock	673,300	\$ 8.58	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \frac{(2)}{(3)}$	12/26/2007	02/02/2009	Common Stock	259,200	\$ 8.67	D	Â
Equity Swap (Obligation to Buy) (1) (2) (3)	12/27/2007	02/02/2009	Common Stock	1,000,000	\$ 8.91	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
topotting of the relation	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SANDELL ASSET MANAGEMENT CORP 40 WEST 57TH STREET 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	Â	Â	Â	See Remarks	

# **Signatures**

/s/ Sandell Asset Management Corp., by Thomas E. Sandell as Chief Executive Officer	01/18/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Sandell Asset Management Corp., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("SAMC"), beneficially owns the securities reported herein (1) through Castlerigg Master Investments Ltd., a British Virgin Islands company ("Castlerigg Master Investments") and CGS, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("CGS").
  - SAMC is the investment manager of Castlerigg Master Investments and CGS. Thomas Sandell is the controlling person of SAMC and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares beneficially owned by Castlerigg Master Investments, CGS and SAMC. Castlerigg International Ltd., a British Virgin Islands company ("Castlerigg International"), is the controlling shareholder of Castlerigg
- (2) International Holdings Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Holdings"). Holdings is the controlling shareholder of Castlerigg Master Investments. Castlerigg Global Select Fund Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company ("Castlerigg Global Select"), is the controlling shareholder of Castlerigg GS Holdings, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("CGSH"). CGSH is the controlling shareholder of CGS.
  - Each of Holdings and Castlerigg International may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares beneficially owned by Castlerigg Master Investments. In addition, each of CGSH and Castlerigg Global Select may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares beneficially owned by CGS. SAMC, Mr. Sandell, Holdings, Castlerigg International, Castlerigg Master Investments, CGSH,
- Castlerigg Global Select and CGS each disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of its or his respective pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that any Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.



### **Remarks:**

Member of 13D Group owning more than 10%

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