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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the Month of August 2012

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KONGZHONG CORPORATION
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The press release and presentation of KongZhong Corporation (the “Company”), constituting Exhibits 1.1 to this Form 6-K, contain statements that may be viewed as “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual performance, financial condition or results of operations of the Company to be materially different from any future performance, financial condition or results of operations expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding trends in the wireless value-added services, wireless media and mobile games industries and our future business, financial conditions, results of operations and prospects.

Although such statements are based on the Company’s own information and information from other sources it believes to be reliable, you should not place undue reliance on them. These statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual market trends and the Company’s results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, continued competitive pressures in China's wireless value-added services, wireless media and mobile games industries and the effect of such pressure on prices; unpredictable changes in technology, consumer demand and usage preferences in the market; the state of and any change in the Company’s relationship with China's telecommunications operators; the Company’s dependence on the billing systems of telecommunications operators for its performance; the outcome of the Company’s investment of operating income generated from the wireless value-added services segment into the development of its wireless Internet segment and mobile games segment; changes in the regulations or policies of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and other relevant government authorities in China or elsewhere; and changes in political, economic, legal and social conditions in China, including the government's policies with respect to economic growth, foreign exchange, foreign investment and entry by foreign companies into China's telecommunications market. For additional discussion of these risks and uncertainties and other factors, please see the Company’s most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this report on Form 6-K.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

KONGZHONG
CORPORATION

Date: August 30, 2012

By: /s/ Leilei Wang
Name: Leilei Wang
Title: Chief Executive Officer

KongZhong Corporation Partners with ArenaNet to bring Guild Wars 2 to the China Online Game Market

Beijing, China, August 30th 2012 – KongZhong Corporation (NASDAQ: KONG), a leading provider of digital entertainment services for consumers in the PRC, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with ArenaNet, Inc, developer of the renowned *Guild Wars* franchise, to bring *Guild Wars 2* (www.guildwars2.com) to the mainland China online game market as its exclusive mainland China partner. *Guild Wars 2* is a visually stunning game that is poised to revolutionize the MMO genre by providing players the epic grandeur of a massive roleplaying environment as well as innovative combat mechanics, dynamic events, and personal storytelling.

The partnership entered between KONG and ArenaNet ranks as one of the largest single new Western game licensing transactions to date in the China marketplace, which emphasizes the growing significance KONG has in the digital entertainment distribution space. As part of this agreement, KONG has granted a warrant to ArenaNet for the purchase of up to 40 million of KONG's ordinary shares (equivalent to 1 million of KONG's ADSs), with an exercise price of US\$ 0.175 per ordinary share (or US\$ 7.00 per ADS). This warrant is exercisable after the commercial launch of *Guild Wars 2* in the mainland China market and is valid for one year after the commercial launch. In addition, KONG has agreed to provide certain registration rights with respect to the ordinary shares issuable under the warrant.

KONG's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Wang Lei Lei, said, "We are excited to be the exclusive partner of ArenaNet to bring *Guild Wars 2* to the mainland China market. We admire the dedication and passion of the *Guild Wars 2* development team and believe this is reflected in *Guild Wars 2* being highly anticipated around the world, including by China gamers. I believe Chinese game players will be impressed by *Guild Wars 2* unique gameplay which will bring truly epic, cooperative gameplay back to the MMORPG genre."

"We designed *Guild Wars 2* to not only redefine the MMO category, but to appeal to a global audience," said Mike O'Brien, president and co-founder, ArenaNet. "We are looking forward to introducing *Guild Wars 2* to Chinese gamers, who are eager to experience bold and innovative games, and KongZhong is the perfect partner in this market."

About KongZhong:

We are one of the leading providers of digital entertainment services for consumers in the PRC. We operate three main business units, namely WVAS, mobile games and Internet games. We are one of the leading providers of WVAS to mobile phone users and have been in cooperation with all major telecommunications operators in the PRC since 2002. In 2005, we began providing feature-phone mobile games on the networks of China Mobile with the acquisition of Tianjin Mammoth, a mobile games developer. To further expand our mobile games development capabilities, we

acquired Noumena in 2012 in order to develop smartphone mobile games on smartphone mobile operating systems, such as iOS and Android. We commenced our Internet games business in 2010 through our acquisition of Dacheng, a developer and operator of Internet games in the PRC. In addition to developing and operating our self-developed Internet games, such as Loong, Demon Code and Kung Fu Hero, we are the exclusive operator of the popular World of Tanks game for the PRC Internet games market.

About ArenaNet, Inc.:

ArenaNet is the developer of the ground-breaking Guild Wars 2 and the best-selling Guild Wars online roleplaying games. The studio's mission is to create innovative online worlds, cultivate a vibrant and engaged global community of players, and to incorporate hand-crafted artistry into every aspect of their games. ArenaNet was formed in 2000 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Korea-based NCsoft Corporation.

Safe Harbor Statements:

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