

The9 LTD
Form 6-K
April 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549
FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the month of April 2009**

Commission File Number: 001-34238

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

THE9 LIMITED

By: /s/ Jun Zhu

Name: Jun Zhu

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 20, 2009

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Exhibit 99.1 Press Release

The9 Announces the Status of the WoW License

Shanghai, China April 16, 2009. The9 Limited (NASDAQ: NCTY) (The9), a leading online game operator and developer in China, announced today that it has learned that Blizzard Entertainment's World of Warcraft will be licensed to another China-based online game company following the expiration of the current license agreement with The9.

About The9 Limited

The9 Limited is a leading online game operator and developer in China. The9's business is primarily focused on operating and developing high-quality games for the Chinese online game market. The9 directly or through affiliates operates licensed MMORPGs, consisting of MU®, Blizzard Entertainment®'s World of Warcraft®, Soul of The Ultimate Nation™, Granado Espada, and its first proprietary MMORPG, Joyful Journey West™, in mainland China. It has also obtained exclusive licenses to operate additional MMORPGs and advanced casual games in mainland China, including EA SPORTS™ FIFA Online 2, Audition 2, Atlantica, Hellgate: London, Ragnarok Online 2, Emil Chronicle Online, Huxley™ and Field of Honor. In addition, The9 is also developing various proprietary games, including Dragon Empire, Warriors of Fate Online™ and others.

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