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Specialist website Re/code cited "people familiar with the negotiations" and said the transaction would value Maker Studios at \$500 million or more.

"If it goes through, it would be by far the biggest bet by a traditional media company in a company built on top of YouTube," the report said.

Maker Studios says its videos are viewed a total of 5.5 billion times per month, most of them on YouTube.

Last week Disney said it had made a deal with satellite operator Dish Network to allow its channels to be watched over the Internet—streamed to smartphones, tablets, computers, or a traditional TV.

Disney channels include ABC, Disney Channel and ESPN.

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