

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six-month period ended 30 June 2007

## 1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

China Telecom Corporation Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (hereinafter, collectively referred to as the "Group") are engaged in the provision of wireline telecommunications and related services in Shanghai Municipality, Guangdong Province, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province, Anhui Province, Fujian Province, Jiangxi Province, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Chongqing Municipality, Sichuan Province, Hubei Province, Hunan Province, Hainan Province, Guizhou Province, Yunnan Province, Shaanxi Province, Gansu Province, Qinghai Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The Group offers a comprehensive range of wireline telecommunications services to residential and business customers, including local, domestic long distance ("DLD") and international long distance ("ILD") telephone services, Internet and managed data, leased line, and other related services.

Following the Third Acquisition (see Note 2), the Group began to offer voice wholesale, international private leased circuits, cross-border transit connection and Internet data centre services in the Asia Pacific region and South and North America.

## 2. ACQUISITION

Pursuant to an equity purchase agreement entered into by the Company with China Telecommunications Corporation ("China Telecom" and together with its subsidiaries other than the Company are referred to as "China Telecom Group") on 15 June 2007, the Company acquired the entire equity interests in China Telecom System Integration Co., Ltd. ("CTSI"), China Telecom (Hong Kong) International Limited ("CT (HK)") and China Telecom (USA) Corporation ("CT (USA)") (collectively the "Third Acquired Group") from China Telecom for a total purchase price of RMB1,408 million on 30 June 2007 (hereinafter, referred to as the "Third Acquisition"). The purchase price was settled by cash in July 2007.

CTSI is a limited company incorporated in the PRC and its principal business is the provision of system integration services, outsourcing services, application software development as well as consultancy services in the PRC.

CT (HK) is a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong and operates in the Asia Pacific Region. CT (USA) is a limited company incorporated in the United States of America and operates in South and North America. The principal business of CT (HK) and CT (USA) is the provision of international telecommunication services for corporate customers including voice wholesale, international private network, cross-border transit connection and Internet data centres.

## 3. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Since the Group and the Third Acquired Group are under common control of China Telecom, the Third Acquisition has been accounted for as a "combination of entities under common control". Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the Third Acquired Group have been accounted for at historical amounts and the consolidated financial statements of the Company prior to the Third Acquisition have been restated to include the results of operations and assets and liabilities of the Third Acquired Group on a combined basis. The assets of the Third Acquired Group that were retained by China Telecom which consist of bank deposits, have been reflected as a distribution to China Telecom in the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six-month period ended 30 June 2007. The purchase price payable by the Company for the acquisition of the Third Acquired Group has been accounted for as an equity transaction in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

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### 3. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

The results of operations for the six-month period ended 30 June 2006 and the financial condition as at 31 December 2006 previously reported by the Group have been restated to include the results and assets and liabilities of the Third Acquired Group as set out below:

	<b>The Group (as previously reported)</b> RMB millions	<b>The Third Acquired Group</b> RMB millions	<b>The Group (as restated)</b> RMB millions
Result of operations for the six-month period ended 30 June 2006:			
Operating revenues	86,936	409	87,345
Net profit	14,117	71	14,188
Financial condition as at 31 December 2006:			
Total assets	414,041	4,852	418,893
Total liabilities	210,168	1,049	211,217

The functional currencies of CT (HK) and CT (USA) are Hong Kong dollars and US dollars respectively. The results of operations of CT (HK) and CT (USA) are translated into Renminbi at average rate prevailing during the year. Balance sheet items of CT (HK) and CT (USA) are translated into Renminbi at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange differences are recognised directly in exchange reserves, a component of equity. For the periods presented, all significant balances and transactions between the Group and the Third Acquired Group have been eliminated on combination.

### 4. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board and the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. These interim financial statements, which were authorised for issuance by the Board of Directors on 28 August 2007, reflect the unaudited financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2007 and the unaudited results of operations and cash flows of the Group for the six-month period then ended, which are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations and cash flows expected for the year ending 31 December 2007.

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2006 annual financial statements.

The preparation of interim financial statements in conformity with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

These interim financial statements contain condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2006 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

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### 4. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

These interim financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company. These interim financial statements have also been reviewed by the Company's international auditors in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2006 that is included in these interim financial statements as being previously reported information does not constitute the Group's statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. The statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 are available from the Company's registered office. The Company's international auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 26 March 2007.

### 5. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

A business segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged in providing products or services and is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments. For the periods presented, the Group has one business segment which is the provision of wireline telecommunications services. No analysis of the Group's operating revenues and profit before taxation by geographical segment has been presented as the majority of the Group's operating activities are carried out in the PRC and less than 10 percent of the Group's operating revenues and profit before taxation were derived from activities outside the PRC. A majority of the Group's assets are located in the PRC and less than 10 percent of the Group's total assets are located outside the PRC.

### 6. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET

Accounts receivable, net, are analysed as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Third parties	18,541	15,501
China Telecom Group	67	199
Other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC	2,373	1,792
	20,981	17,492
Less: Impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts	(2,039)	(1,500)
	18,942	15,992

Amounts due from the provision of wireline telecommunications services to residential and business customers are due within 30 days from the date of billing.

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### 6. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET (CONTINUED)

Ageing analysis of accounts receivable from telephone and Internet subscribers is as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Current, within 1 month	11,724	11,634
1 to 3 months	2,785	1,074
4 to 12 months	1,153	1,062
More than 12 months	762	314
	<b>16,424</b>	14,084
Less: Impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts	(1,915)	(1,376)
	<b>14,509</b>	12,708

Ageing analysis of accounts receivable from other telecommunications operators and customers is as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Current, within 1 month	1,709	1,716
1 to 3 months	1,621	814
4 to 12 months	760	546
More than 12 months	467	332
	<b>4,557</b>	3,408
Less: Impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts	(124)	(124)
	<b>4,433</b>	3,284

### 7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Cash at bank and in hand	12,957	10,762
Time deposits with original maturity within three months	4,034	11,564
	<b>16,991</b>	22,326

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### 8. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Short-term debt comprises:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Loans from state-controlled banks — unsecured	33,440	35,750
Commercial paper — unsecured	—	20,000
Loans from China Telecom Group — unsecured	36,763	23,826
<b>Total short-term debt</b>	<b>70,203</b>	<b>79,576</b>

Weighted average interest rate of the Group's total short-term debt as at 30 June 2007 was 3.8% (31 December 2006: 3.7%). As at 30 June 2007, the loans from state-controlled banks bear interest at rates ranging from 4.7% to 6.7% per annum and are repayable within one year; the loans from China Telecom Group bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 2.3% to 2.8% per annum and are repayable within one year.

Long-term debt comprises:

	Note	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Loans from state-controlled banks — unsecured	(i)	13,362	15,347
Other loans		6	2
Amount due to China Telecom in connection with the First Acquisition — unsecured	(ii)	15,000	15,000
Amount due to China Telecom in connection with the Second Acquisition — unsecured	(iii)	15,150	15,150
<b>Total long-term debt</b>		<b>43,518</b>	<b>45,499</b>
Less: current portion		(9,311)	(8,242)
<b>Non-current portion</b>		<b>34,207</b>	<b>37,257</b>

Notes:

- (i) The loans from state-controlled banks bear interest at rates ranging from 0.5% to 8.3% per annum with maturity through 2040.
- (ii) The amount bears interest on the outstanding balance at 5.184% per annum until 31 December 2008. Thereafter the interest rate is adjusted based on the prevailing market interest rate. This amount is repayable on 31 December 2013 and the Company may, from time to time, repay all or part of the amount at any time until 31 December 2013 without penalty.
- (iii) The amount bears interest on the outstanding balance at 5.184% per annum until 30 June 2009. Thereafter the interest rate is adjusted based on the prevailing market interest rate. This amount is repayable on 30 June 2014 and the Company may, from time to time, repay all or part of the amount at any time until 30 June 2014 without penalty.

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### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable are analysed as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Third parties	24,363	25,709
China Telecom Group	5,947	6,583
Other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC	70	63
	<b>30,380</b>	<b>32,355</b>

Amounts due to China Telecom Group are repayable in accordance with contractual terms which are similar to those terms offered by third parties.

Ageing analysis of accounts payable is as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Due within 1 month or on demand	6,416	6,115
Due after 1 month but within 3 months	6,569	8,831
Due after 3 months but within 6 months	8,178	7,181
Due after 6 months	9,217	10,228
	<b>30,380</b>	<b>32,355</b>

### 10. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are attributable to the items set out below:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net Balance	
	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
<i>Current</i>						
Provisions and impairment losses, primarily for receivables	532	540	—	—	532	540
<i>Non-current</i>						
Property, plant and equipment	530	589	(1,172)	(1,566)	(642)	(977)
Deferred revenues and installation costs	1,688	2,152	(877)	(1,123)	811	1,029
Land use rights	5,960	7,690	—	—	5,960	7,690
Available-for-sale equity securities	—	—	(46)	(22)	(46)	(22)
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	<b>8,710</b>	<b>10,971</b>	<b>(2,095)</b>	<b>(2,711)</b>	<b>6,615</b>	<b>8,260</b>

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### 10. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Movements in temporary differences are as follows:

Note	Balance at 1 January 2007 RMB millions	Recognised in income statement RMB millions	Recognised in equity RMB millions	Balance at 30 June 2007 RMB millions
<i>Current</i>				
Provisions and impairment losses, primarily for receivables	540	(8)	—	532
<i>Non-current</i>				
Property, plant and equipment (i)	(977)	275	60	(642)
Deferred revenues and installation costs	1,029	(218)	—	811
Land use rights (i)	7,690	(89)	(1,641)	5,960
Available-for-sale equity securities	(22)	—	(24)	(46)
Net deferred tax assets	8,260	(40)	(1,605)	6,615

(Note 15)

Note:

- (i) On 16 March 2007, the Fifth Plenary Session of the Tenth National People's Congress passed the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China ("new tax law"), which will take effect on 1 January 2008. According to the new tax law, a unified corporate income tax rate of 25% and unified tax deduction standards will be applied to PRC entities. Effective from 1 January 2008, the 25% unified tax rate will replace the 33% tax rate currently in effect through 2007. In addition, entities currently taxed at preferential rates will be subject to a five-year transition period during which the tax rates will gradually be increased to the unified rate of 25% from 1 January 2008.

According to the new tax law, the income tax rate applicable to the Company and certain of its subsidiaries which are currently taxed at 33% will be reduced to the unified rate of 25% from 1 January 2008. For subsidiaries operating in special economic zones which are currently taxed at preferential rate of 15%, management expect that their tax rate will be increased to 25% from 1 January 2013. For subsidiaries operating in the western region of the PRC which were granted a preferential tax rate of 15% from 2004 to 2010, management expect that their tax rate will be increased to 25% from 1 January 2011. Accordingly, deferred tax assets and liabilities as at 1 January 2007 were adjusted to reflect the change in tax rate. For deferred tax assets and liabilities previously credited and charged to profit and loss upon initial recognition, the effect of change in the tax rate amounted to RMB72 million was recognised in the consolidated income statement. For deferred tax assets and liabilities previously credited and charged to equity upon initial recognition, the effect of change in the tax rate amounted to RMB1,641 million and RMB60 million respectively were recognised in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

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### 11. OPERATING REVENUES

Operating revenues represent revenues from the provision of wireline telecommunications services. The components of the Group's operating revenues are as follows:

	Note	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
		2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Upfront connection fees	(i)	1,666	2,494
Upfront installation fees	(ii)	1,411	1,458
Monthly fees	(iii)	13,284	14,936
Local usage fees	(iv)	21,558	23,378
DLD	(iv)	12,194	12,889
ILD	(iv)	1,464	1,610
Internet	(v)	14,641	11,198
Managed data	(vi)	1,528	1,496
Interconnections	(vii)	7,086	6,975
Leased line	(viii)	2,521	2,183
Value-added and integrated information services	(ix)	9,115	6,805
Others	(x)	2,156	1,923
		<b>88,624</b>	<b>87,345</b>

Notes:

- (i) Represent the amortised amount of the upfront fees received for the initial activation of wireline services.
- (ii) Represent the amortised amount of the upfront fees received for installation of wireline services.
- (iii) Represent amounts charged to customers each month for their use of the Group's telephone services.
- (iv) Represent usage fees charged to customers for the provision of telephone services.
- (v) Represent amounts charged to customers for the provision of Internet access services.
- (vi) Represent amounts charged to customers for the provision of managed data transmission services.
- (vii) Represent amounts charged to domestic and foreign telecommunications operators for delivery of voice and data traffic connecting to the Group's wireline telecommunications networks.
- (viii) Represent primarily lease income from other telecommunications operators and business customers for the usage of the Group's wireline telecommunications networks and is measured by the number of lines leased and the agreed upon rate per line leased.
- (ix) Represent amounts charged to customers for the provision of wireline value-added services and integrated information services, which comprise primarily caller ID services, short messaging services, ring tone services and telephone information services.
- (x) Represent primarily revenues from sale and repairs and maintenance of customer-end equipment and constructions of telecommunications network and infrastructure for customers.



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### 12. PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Personnel expenses are attributable to the following functions:

	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
	2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Network operations and support	8,781	9,134
Selling, general and administrative	4,797	4,261
	<b>13,578</b>	13,395

### 13. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

Other operating expenses comprise primarily interconnection charges of RMB3,326 million for the six-month period ended 30 June 2007 (six-month period ended 30 June 2006: RMB2,972 million).

### 14. NET FINANCE COSTS

Net finance costs comprise:

	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
	2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Interest expense incurred	2,629	3,060
Less: Interest expense capitalised*	(241)	(397)
Net interest expense	2,388	2,663
Interest income	(204)	(227)
Foreign exchange losses	2	70
Foreign exchange gains	(164)	(8)
	<b>2,022</b>	2,498
* Interest expense was capitalised in construction in progress at the following rates per annum	<b>2.0%–5.9%</b>	2.0%–5.3%

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### 15. INCOME TAX

Income tax in the consolidated income statement comprises:

	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
	2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Provision for PRC income tax	4,712	4,560
Provision for income tax in other tax jurisdictions	8	8
Deferred taxation	40	(56)
	<b>4,760</b>	<b>4,512</b>

A reconciliation of the expected tax with the actual tax expense is as follows:

	Note	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
		2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Profit before taxation		18,269	18,700
Expected income tax expense at statutory tax rate of 33%	(i)	6,029	6,171
Differential tax rate on PRC subsidiaries' income	(i)	(899)	(956)
Differential tax rate on other subsidiaries' income	(ii)	(8)	(7)
Non-deductible expenses	(iii)	654	744
Non-taxable income	(iv)	(928)	(1,280)
Effect of change of tax rate	10	72	—
Tax credit for domestic equipment purchases		(160)	(160)
Income tax		<b>4,760</b>	<b>4,512</b>

Notes:

- (i) The provision for PRC current income tax is based on a statutory rate of 33% of the assessable income of the Company and its PRC subsidiaries as determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of the PRC, except for certain subsidiaries which are taxed at a preferential rate of 15%.
- (ii) Income tax provision of the Company's subsidiaries in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China and other countries is based on the subsidiaries' assessable income and income tax rates applicable in the respective tax jurisdictions which range from 17.5% to 35%.
- (iii) Amounts represent personnel and other miscellaneous expenses in excess of statutory deductible limits for tax purpose.
- (iv) Amounts primarily represent connection fees received from customers which are not subject to income tax.

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### 16. DIVIDENDS

Pursuant to the shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting held on 29 May 2007, a final dividend of RMB0.083302 (equivalent to HK\$0.085) per share totalling RMB6,741 million in respect of the year ended 31 December 2006 was declared, which was paid on 15 June 2007.

Pursuant to the shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting held on 23 May 2006, a final dividend of RMB0.077637 (equivalent to HK\$0.075) per share totalling RMB6,283 million in respect of the year ended 31 December 2005 was declared, which was paid on 15 June 2006.

The Board of Directors has resolved not to pay an interim dividend for the year ending 31 December 2007.

### 17. BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2007 and 2006 is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of RMB13,482 million and RMB14,155 million, respectively, divided by 80,932,368,321 shares in issue.

The amount of diluted earnings per share is not presented as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence for the periods presented.

### 18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2006, the Group had capital commitments as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Authorised and contracted for		
Properties	883	570
Telecommunications network plant and equipment	5,143	2,832
	6,026	3,402
Authorised but not contracted for		
Properties	1,372	1,622
Telecommunications network plant and equipment	7,270	5,590
	8,642	7,212

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### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Companies are considered to be related if one company has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control or jointly control the other company or exercise significant influence over the other company in making financial and operating decisions. Companies are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control.

#### (a) Transactions with China Telecom Group

The Group is part of a large group of companies under China Telecom, a company owned by the PRC government, and has significant transactions and relationships with members of China Telecom. Because of these relationships, it is possible that the terms of these transactions are not the same as those that would result from transactions among unrelated parties.

The principal transactions with China Telecom Group which were carried out in the ordinary course of business are as follows:

	Note	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
		2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Purchases of telecommunications equipment and materials	(i)	53	95
Construction, engineering and information technology services	(ii)	3,406	3,420
Provision of community services	(iii)	1,025	1,199
Provision of ancillary services	(iv)	1,629	1,115
Provision of comprehensive services	(v)	409	339
Operating lease expenses	(vi)	193	195
Centralised service expenses	(vii)	169	120
Interconnection revenues	(viii)	75	91
Interconnection charges	(viii)	374	350
Interest on amounts due to and loans from China Telecom Group	(ix)	1,164	1,218

Notes:

- (i) Represent commission paid and payable for procurement services provided by China Telecom Group.
- (ii) Represent provision of network construction, engineering and information technology services provided by China Telecom Group.
- (iii) Represent amounts paid and payable to China Telecom Group in respect of cultural, educational, hygiene and other community services.
- (iv) Represent amounts paid and payable to China Telecom Group in respect of ancillary services such as repairs and maintenance of telecommunications equipment and facilities and certain customer services.
- (v) Represent amounts paid and payable to China Telecom Group entities which were not within the scope of other related party service agreements in respect of services for procurement of telecommunications equipment, network design, software upgrade, system integration and manufacturing of calling cards.
- (vi) Represent amounts paid and payable to China Telecom Group for leases of business premises and inter-provincial transmission optic fibres.

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### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### (a) Transactions with China Telecom Group (continued)

- (vii) Represent net amount charged by China Telecom for costs associated with common corporate services and international telecommunications facilities.
- (viii) Represent amounts charged from/to China Telecom for interconnection of domestic long distance telephone calls.
- (ix) Represent interest paid and payable to China Telecom Group with respect to the amounts due to China Telecom and loans from China Telecom Group (Note 8).

Amounts due from/to China Telecom Group included in the following balances are summarised as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Accounts receivable	67	199
Prepayments and other current assets	524	588
<b>Total amounts due from China Telecom Group</b>	<b>591</b>	787
Accounts payable	5,947	6,583
Accrued expenses and other payables	3,542	1,984
Short-term debt	36,763	23,826
Long-term debt	30,150	30,150
<b>Total amounts due to China Telecom Group</b>	<b>76,402</b>	62,543

Amounts due from/to China Telecom Group, other than short-term debt and long-term debt, bear no interest, are unsecured and are repayable in accordance with contractual terms which are similar to those terms offered by third parties. The terms of short-term debt and long-term debt payable to China Telecom Group are set out in Note 8.

As at 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2006, no material impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts was recorded in respect of amounts due from China Telecom Group.

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### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### (b) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, including directors and supervisors of the Group.

Key management personnel compensation of the Group is summarised as follows:

	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
	2007 RMB thousands	2006 RMB thousands
Short-term employee benefits	3,948	3,833
Post-employment benefits	301	331
	4,249	4,164

The above remuneration is included in personnel expenses.

#### (c) Contributions to post-employment benefit plans

As stipulated by the regulations of the PRC, the Group participates in various defined contribution retirement plans organised by municipal and provincial governments for its employees. The Group is required to make contributions to the post-employment benefit plans at rates ranging from 18% to 20% of the salaries, bonuses and certain allowances of the employees. A member of the plan is entitled to a pension equal to a fixed proportion of the salary prevailing at the member's retirement date. The Group has no other material obligation for the payment of pension benefits associated with these plans beyond the contributions described above.

The Group's contributions for the six-month period ended 30 June 2007 were RMB1,214 million (six-month period ended 30 June 2006: RMB1,202 million).

The amount payable for contributions to defined contribution retirement plans as at 30 June 2007 was RMB531 million (31 December 2006: RMB522 million).

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### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Transactions with other state-controlled entities in the PRC

The Group is a state-controlled public utilities enterprise and operates in an economic regime currently dominated by entities directly or indirectly controlled by the State through government authorities, agencies, affiliations and other organisations (collectively referred to as “state-controlled entities”).

Apart from transactions with parent company and its affiliates, the Group have transactions with other state-controlled entities which include but not limited to the following:

- sales and purchases of goods, properties and other assets
- rendering and receiving services
- lease of assets
- depositing and borrowing money
- use of public utilities

These transactions are conducted in the ordinary course of the Group’s business on terms comparable to those with other entities that are not state-controlled. The Group prices its telecommunication services and products based on government-regulated tariff rates, where applicable, or based on commercial negotiations. The Group has also established its procurement policies and approval processes for purchases of products and services, which do not depend on whether the counterparties are state-controlled entities or not.

Having considered the transactions potentially affected by related party relationships, the entity’s pricing strategy, procurement policies and approval processes, and the information that would be necessary for an understanding of the potential effect of the related party relationships on the financial statements, the directors are of the opinion that the following related party transactions require disclosure of numeric details:

#### (i) Transactions with other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC

The Group’s wireline telecommunications networks interconnect with the networks of other state-controlled telecommunications operators. The Group also leases wireline telecommunications networks to these operators in the normal course of business. The interconnection and leased line charges are regulated by the Ministry of Information Industry. The extent of the Group’s interconnection and leased line transactions with other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC is as follows:

	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
	2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Interconnection revenues	6,158	5,926
Interconnection charges	1,870	1,564
Leased line revenues	389	744

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### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Transactions with other state-controlled entities in the PRC (continued)

##### (i) Transactions with other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC (continued)

Amounts due from/to other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC included in the following balances are summarised as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Accounts receivable	2,373	1,792
Prepayments and other current assets	267	242
Total amounts due from other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC	2,640	2,034
Accounts payable	70	63
Accrued expenses and other payables	201	181
Total amounts due to other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC	271	244

Amounts due from/to other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC bear no interest, are unsecured and are repayable in accordance with normal commercial terms.

As at 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2006, there were no material impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts in respect of amounts due from other state-controlled telecommunications operators in the PRC.

##### (ii) Transactions with state-controlled banks

The Group deposits its cash balances with several state-controlled banks in the PRC and obtains short-term and long-term loans from these banks in the ordinary course of business. The interest rates of the bank deposits and loans are regulated by the People's Bank of China. The Group's interest income earned from deposits with and interest expense incurred on loans from state-controlled banks in the PRC are as follows:

	Six-month periods ended 30 June	
	2007 RMB millions	2006 RMB millions
Interest income	180	158
Interest expense	1,465	1,842



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### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Transactions with other state-controlled entities in the PRC (continued)

##### (ii) Transactions with state-controlled banks (continued)

The amounts of cash deposited with and loans from state-controlled banks in the PRC are summarised as follows:

	30 June 2007 RMB millions	31 December 2006 RMB millions
Cash at bank	12,834	10,659
Time deposits with maturity within three months	4,034	10,484
Time deposits with maturity over three months	145	119
Total deposits with state-controlled banks in the PRC	17,013	21,262
Short-term loans	33,440	35,750
Long-term loans	13,362	15,347
Total loans from state-controlled banks in the PRC	46,802	51,097

Further details of the interest rates and repayment terms of loans from state-controlled banks are set out in Note 8.

The directors believe the above information has provided meaningful disclosure of related party transactions.

### 20. ADJUSTMENT TO SURPLUS RESERVE

According to the Company's Articles of Association, the Company is required to transfer 10% of its net profit annually as determined in accordance with the PRC accounting rules and regulations to statutory surplus reserve until the reserve reaches 50% of the registered capital. On 1 January 2007, the Group adopted the PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises issued by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC on 15 February 2006, which resulted in certain PRC accounting policies being changed and applied retrospectively. The statutory surplus reserve has been adjusted accordingly.