

# Independent Review Report of the International Auditor



To the Board of Directors of  
**China Telecom Corporation Limited**

## INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the interim financial statements set out on pages 8 to 33 which comprises the consolidated balance sheet of China Telecom Corporation Limited as at 30 June 2008, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the six-month period ended 30 June 2008 and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of interim financial statements to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34.

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial statements and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

## SCOPE OF REVIEW

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard 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. A review of interim financial statements consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion.

## CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements as at and for the six-month period ended 30 June 2008 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim financial reporting".

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