



China Telecom Corporation Limited

中国电信股份有限公司

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 728)

ISSUE OF 3G MOBILE LICENCE

The Board (the “Board”) of directors of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”) announced that the Company was notified by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the PRC that China Telecom has been permitted to operate the CDMA2000 3G mobile business.

The Company believes that the issue of 3G mobile licence will enhance the economic growth and the competitive landscape of the telecommunications market. It will also be beneficial to the long term sustainable development of the Company as well as the industry as a whole. The Company will strictly adhere to the relevant regulatory policies, and make comprehensive planning and dedicated preparation for the timely launch of the 3G mobile business, fully leveraging its existing communication network resources. The Company will endeavor to provide more premium services and better satisfy the customers’ ever-increasing diverse needs for integrated information service.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Beijing, PRC, 7 January 2009

As of the date of this announcement, the Board of directors of the Company consists of Mr. Wang Xiaochu as the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Shang Bing as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Zhang Chenshuang, Mr. Yang Xiaowei, Mr. Yang Jie, and Mr. Sun Kangmin as the executive vice presidents, Mr. Li Jinming as the non-executive director, and Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Qin Xiao, Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming as the independent non-executive directors.