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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)

NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an extraordinary general meeting of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the "Company") will be held at 31 Jinrong Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, PRC at 10:00 a.m. on 12 March 2009 to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following businesses:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"THAT the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association") be and are hereby amended as follows:

In the Article 13 of the Articles of Association, substitute the phrase "engage in second generation 800MHz CDMA digital cellular mobile communications business in the People's Republic of China" with "engage in second generation 800MHz CDMA digital cellular mobile communications business and third generation CDMA2000 digital cellular mobile communications business in the People's Republic of China", and THAT any director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to take all actions which in their opinion are necessary or desirable to complete the procedures for the approval and/or registration or filing of the aforementioned amendment to the Articles of Association."

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Yung Shun Loy, Jacky
Company Secretary

Beijing, PRC, 23 January 2009

Notes:

- (1) China Telecom has been permitted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the PRC to operate the CDMA2000 3G mobile business. For timely launch of the 3G mobile business to better satisfy the customers' ever-increasing diverse needs for integrated information services, while endeavoring to offer more premium services to customers and promote the Company's long term sustainable development, the Company needs to amend the Articles of Association correspondingly to include the CDMA2000 3G mobile business in its scope of business.
- (2) Concerning the above resolution, as the Articles of Association only exist in Chinese, the Chinese text of the relevant proposed resolution shall prevail over the English text.

- (3) Buyers who submit the share transfer application forms to the Company's share registrar before 4:30 p.m. on 9 February 2009 and then register as shareholders on the register of members of the Company are entitled to attend the extraordinary general meeting.
- (4) Each shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the extraordinary general meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf at the extraordinary general meeting. A proxy need not be a shareholder.
- (5) To be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authorisation document (if any) signed by the authorised person or notarially certified power of attorney must be delivered to the Office of the Board of the Company for holders of domestic shares or to the Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited for holders of H shares not less than 24 hours before the designated time for the holding of the extraordinary general meeting. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending in person and voting at the extraordinary general meeting if he so wishes.

The address of the share registrar for the Company's H shares is as follows:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited
Room 1806-1807, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre
183 Queen's Road East
Wanchai, Hong Kong

- (6) A proxy of a shareholder may vote by hand or vote on a poll, but a proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.
- (7) The registration procedure for attending the extraordinary general meeting:
 - (a) shareholders attending the extraordinary general meeting in person or by proxy shall present their identity certification. If the attending shareholder is a corporation, its legal representative or person authorised by the board or other decision making authority shall present a copy of the relevant resolution of the board or other decision making authority in order to attend the extraordinary general meeting.
 - (b) shareholders intending to attend the extraordinary general meeting shall return the attendance slip via hand delivery, mail or fax to the Office of the Board of the Company on or before 19 February 2009.

- (8) Closure of the register of members:

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 10 February 2009 to 12 March 2009 (both days inclusive).

- (9) The extraordinary general meeting is expected to last for half a day and shareholders (in person or by proxy) attending the extraordinary general meeting shall be responsible for their own transport and accommodation expenses.

- (10) The address of the Office of the Board is as follows:

31 Jinrong Street
Xicheng District
Beijing 100140
PRC
Contact person: Yung Shun Loy, Jacky
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Facsimile: (8610) 6601 0728

- (11) As of the date of this notice, 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.