



CHINA NETCOM GROUP CORPORATION (HONG KONG) LIMITED

中國網通集團（香港）有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 906)

Retirement of Independent Non-Executive Director

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**Company**”) announces that Mr. Victor CHA Mou Zing (“Mr. Cha”), an independent non-executive director of the Company, retired as a director at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 22 May 2008, due to his other business commitments. Upon his retirement, Mr. Cha has also ceased to be a member of the audit committee, the nominating and corporate governance committee and supervision committee of the Board of the Company on 22 May 2008.

Mr. Cha has confirmed that there is no disagreement with the Board and that there is no matter relating to his retirement that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board takes this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Cha during his office as independent non-executive director of the Company with the highest regard.

By Order of the Board
CHINA NETCOM GROUP CORPORATION
(HONG KONG) LIMITED
Zhang Chunjiang
Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 May 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises Mr. Zhang Chunjiang, Mr. Zuo Xunsheng, Ms. Li Jianguo, Mr. Zhang Xiaotie and Mr. Li Fushen as executive directors, Mr. Yan Yixun, Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel and Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete as non-executive directors, and Mr. John Lawson Thornton, Dr. Qian Yingyi, Mr. Hou Ziqiang and Mr. Timpson Chung Shui Ming as independent non-executive directors.