

China Netcom Commences Preliminary Discussions with Parent to Acquire Assets in Four Provinces in the PRC.

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Hong Kong, 27 April 2005 – China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (“China Netcom” or “the Company”) (HKSE: 0906; NYSE: CN), a leading telecommunications company in China and the Asia-Pacific region, announced that the Company has commenced preliminary discussions with China Network Communications Group Corporation (“China Netcom Group”), the parent company of the Company, in relation to the acquisition from China Netcom Group of fixed-line telecommunications assets in the four provinces in the PRC of Heilongjiang, Jilin, Shanxi and Neimenggu.

No indication can be given by the Company of the timing of the acquisition, and the transaction may or may not proceed. Any acquisition transaction is likely to constitute a notifiable transaction and a connected transaction under the Listing Rules and would be subject to conditions, including the receipt of all necessary approvals from the relevant regulatory authorities and the approval of the independent shareholders of the Company.

Further announcements will be made by the Company when the terms of the acquisition and the related financing are determined.

In the meantime, investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

About China Netcom:

China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (“China Netcom”) is a leading fixed-line telecommunications operator in China and a leading international data communications operator in the Asia-Pacific region. Its northern service region in China consists of Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality, Hebei Province, Henan Province, Shandong Province and Liaoning Province. Its southern service region in China consists of Shanghai Municipality and Guangdong Province. China Netcom is the dominant provider of fixed-line telephone services, broadband and other Internet-related services, and business and data communications services in its northern service region in China. China Netcom primarily targets business and residential customers in selected high-density areas in its southern service region in China. China Netcom is also the only telecommunications company in China that operates an extensive network and offers international data services in the Asia-Pacific region.