



China Netcom to join the Hang Seng Index

Hong Kong, February 10, 2006 - 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, today announced that Hang Seng Index Services Limited has decided that China Netcom will become a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index starting on March 6, 2006

The addition of China Netcom to the Hang Seng Index demonstrates that the Company has gained the full support and recognition from the financial community since its debut on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange less than 16 months ago.

China Netcom believes that its inclusion in the Hang Seng Index will further enhance the Company’s presence in the international financial markets and represents an additional step in our efforts to be perceived as the leading telecom company in the Asia Pacific region.

The Company remains committed to achieving even greater success in the future, and to maximizing overall shareholder value.