



China Netcom wins Hong Kong Institute of Directors’ “Directors of the Year Award 2007”

(Hong Kong, 27 November 2007) – China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (“China Netcom” or the “Company”; SEHK: 906; NYSE: CN) is pleased to announce that it has received the “Directors of the Year Award 2007” from the Hong Kong Institute of Directors (“HKIoD”). China Netcom, a leading broadband communications and fixed-line telecommunications operator in China, won the award in the category of Listed Companies (SEHK, Hang Seng Index Constituent Companies).

China Netcom Chairman Mr. Zhang Chunjiang commented, “The telecommunications industry is undergoing major reform with rapid technological change. In such an environment, China Netcom sees itself as an innovator and pioneer and believes that sound corporate governance is even more vital to the Company’s sustainability. It was an important milestone for China Netcom when it got listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in November 2004. As a public company, we have made clear our commitment to the highest standards of corporate governance. As part of this effort, we have worked hard to strengthen our professional management system and create an open, transparent system for communicating with investors and the market. This Award tells us that our efforts have made a difference. Needless to say, we will not allow ourselves to become complacent as a result. We will look for ways to constantly improve our standards and performance, to be ready for future challenges.”

China Netcom CEO Mr. Zuo Xunsheng received the Award on behalf of the Board. At the ceremony, he said, “The annual HKIoD awards are a major event on the Hong Kong business calendar. Since the time of the first annual competition, it has become the most prestigious recognition of its kind for company directors. We are pleased and honored to join the illustrious list of HKIoD “Directors of the Year.” The award will inspire us to work towards best practice in corporate governance, and gives us confidence that we may set an example to our peers.”

The Directors of the Year Awards 2007 is co-organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors and Financial Services and Treasury Bureau, the Securities & Futures Commission and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. The aim is to promote professional standards on the part of directors and best practice for corporate boards, as well as best practice in corporate governance.

Established in 1997, the Hong Kong Institute of Directors is the premier body representing professional directors. It works to advance corporate governance and the status of Hong Kong's financial markets, both in China and internationally.

About China Netcom

China Netcom is a leading broadband communications and fixed-line telecommunications operator in China. Its northern service region in China consists of Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality, Hebei Province, Henan Province, Shandong Province, Liaoning Province, Heilongjiang Province, Jilin Province, Neimenggu Autonomous Region and Shanxi Province. In these regions, the Company is a dominant provider of fixed-line telephone services, broadband and other Internet-related services, as well as business and data communications services. China Netcom's parent company, China Network Communications Group Corporation ("China Netcom Group"), was named as the exclusive fixed-line telecommunications partner in China for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. China Netcom Group will be responsible for providing all supports to help make the Olympic Games in Beijing the world's first Olympics to be broadcasted through broadband and digitally.

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