



Glass Lewis recommends shareholders of China Netcom vote in favour of merger with China Unicom

Hong Kong, September 5, 2008 – Glass Lewis & Co. (“Glass Lewis”), a leading provider of proxy research and proxy voting solutions, recommends that shareholders of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (“China Netcom” or the “Company”) (HKSE: 0906; NYSE: CN) vote in favour of the proposed merger of the Company and China Unicom Limited (“Unicom”)(HKSE: 0762, NYSE: CHU) at the extraordinary general meeting of China Netcom shareholders on 17 September 2008.

Glass Lewis stated in its recently issued report that it believed the merger offered compelling strategic benefits for China Netcom and its shareholders.

“The Company’s shareholders will have the opportunity to participate in a larger, more competitive entity with an expanded customer base and resources,” remarked Glass Lewis in the report.

Under the terms of the proposed merger, holders of China Netcom shares will be entitled to receive 1.508 new Unicom shares for each China Netcom share, and holders of China Netcom ADS (American depositary shares) will be entitled to receive 3.016 new Unicom ADSs for each China Netcom ADS.

Glass Lewis recommended that shareholders vote in favour of the proposed merger.

“Based on the strategic rationale and absent any significant conflicts of interest, we believe the proposed transaction is in the best interest of shareholders,” said Glass Lewis in the report.

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About China Netcom

China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited is a leading broadband and fixed-line communications operator in China. Its service region consists of Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality, Hebei Province, Henan Province, Shandong Province, Liaoning Province, Heilongjiang Province, Jilin Province, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and Shanxi Province. The Company provides fixed-line voice, value-added services, broadband and other internet-related services, information and communications technology (ICT), business & data communications services and advertising and media services.

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