NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(All amounts in RMB millions unless otherwise stated)

1. ORGANISATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company") was incorporated as a limited liability company in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("Hong Kong"), the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on 8 February 2000. The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Company's subsidiaries are the provision of cellular and fixed-line voice and related value-added services, broadband and other Internet-related services, information communications technology services, and business and data communications services in the PRC. The GSM cellular voice, WCDMA cellular voice, TD-LTE cellular voice, LTE FDD cellular voice and related value-added services are referred to as the "mobile service", the services aforementioned other than the mobile service are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "fixed-line service". The Company and its subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to as the "Group". The address of the Company's registered office is 75th Floor, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

The shares of the Company were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 22 June 2000 and the American Depositary Shares of the Company were listed on the New York Stock Exchange on 21 June 2000.

The substantial shareholders of the Company are China Unicom (BVI) Limited ("Unicom BVI") and China Unicom Group Corporation (BVI) Limited ("Unicom Group BVI"). The majority of equity interests in Unicom BVI is owned by China United Network Communications Limited ("A Share Company", a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC on 31 December 2001, with its A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 9 October 2002). The majority of the equity interest in A Share Company is owned by China United Network Communications Group Company Limited (a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC, hereinafter referred to as "Unicom Group"). Unicom Group BVI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unicom Group. As a result, the directors of the Company consider Unicom Group to be the ultimate holding company.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2016 has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). IAS 34 is consistent with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and accordingly this unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information is also prepared in accordance with HKAS 34.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information has not been audited, but has been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee. It has also been reviewed by the Company's auditor in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity", issued by the HKICPA.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015. The Group's policies on financial risk management, including management of market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk, as well as capital risk management, were set out in the financial statements included in the Company's 2015 Annual Report and there have been no significant changes in any financial risk management policies for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2015 that is included in this interim financial report of 2016 as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 to the Registrar of Companies in accordance with section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap 622).

The Company's auditor has reported on those financial statements. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under section 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap 622).

(a) Going Concern Assumption

As at 30 June 2016, current liabilities of the Group exceeded current assets by approximately RMB265.3 billion (31 December 2015: approximately RMB279.4 billion). Given the Group's expected capital expenditures in the foreseeable future, management has comprehensively considered the Group's available sources of funds as follows:

- The Group's continuous net cash inflow from operating activities;
- Approximately RMB328.6 billion of revolving banking facilities and registered quota of corporate bonds, of which approximately RMB262.9 billion was unutilised as at 30 June 2016; and
- Other available sources of financing from domestic banks and other financial institutions given the Group's credit history.

In addition, the Group believes it has the ability to raise funds from the short, medium and long-term perspectives and maintain reasonable financing costs through appropriate financing portfolio.

Based on the above considerations, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that the Group has sufficient funds to meet its working capital requirements and debt obligations. As a result, the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016 have been prepared on a going concern basis.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied in the preparation of this unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information are consistent with those used in the preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The following amendments to standards are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 January 2016 and are applicable to the Group:

- Annual Improvements to IFRSs/HKFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle
- Amendments to IAS/HKAS 1, "Disclosure initiative"
- Amendments to IAS/HKAS 27, "Equity method in separate financial statements"

None of these amendments have had a material effect on how the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented.

In addition, the IASB and HKICPA also published a number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations which are effective for the financial year beginning after 1 January 2016 and have not been early adopted by the Group except IFRS/HKFRS 9 "Financial instruments". Management is assessing the impact of such new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations and will adopt the relevant standards, amendments to standards and interpretations in the subsequent periods as required.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Executive Directors of the Company have been identified as the Chief Operating Decision Maker (the "CODM"). Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports that the CODM reviews regularly in allocating resources to segments and in assessing their performances.

The CODM make resources allocation decisions based on internal management functions and assess the Group's business performance as one integrated business instead of by separate business lines or geographical regions. Accordingly, the Group has only one operating segment and therefore, no segment information is presented.

The Group primarily operates in Mainland China and accordingly, no geographic information is presented. No single external customer accounted for 10 percent or more of the Group's revenue in all periods presented.

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5. REVENUE

After June 2014, revenue from telecommunications services are subject to value-added tax ("VAT") and VAT rates applicable to various telecommunications services. The VAT rate for basic telecommunications services is 11%; the VAT rate for value-added telecommunications services is 6% and the VAT rate for sales of telecommunications products remains at 17%. Basic telecommunications services include business activities for the provision of voice services, as well as business activities in relation to rental or sales of bandwidth, wavelength and other network elements etc; value-added telecommunications services include business activities for the provision of Short Message Service and Multimedia Message Service, electronic data and information transmission and application services, Internet access service etc. VAT is excluded from the revenue.

The major components of revenue are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Mobile service		
– Usage and monthly fees	**20,237**	24,535
– Value-added services revenue	**46,214**	42,450
– Interconnection fees	**5,760**	5,933
– Other mobile service revenue	**829**	546
Total service revenue from mobile service	**73,040**	73,464
Fixed-line service		
– Usage and monthly fees	**5,003**	5,780
– Broadband, data and other Internet-related services revenue	**30,176**	28,258
– Interconnection fees	**1,701**	1,814
– Value-added services revenue	**2,438**	2,600
– Leased line income	**5,214**	4,834
– Information communications technology services revenue	**3,279**	2,443
– Other fixed-line service revenue	**419**	458
Total service revenue from fixed-line service	**48,230**	46,187
Other service revenue	**643**	616
Total service revenue	**121,913**	120,267
Sales of telecommunications products	**18,342**	24,418
	140,255	144,685

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6. NETWORK, OPERATION AND SUPPORT EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Repairs and maintenance	**5,570**	6,220
Power and water charges	**6,777**	6,325
Operating lease charges for network, premises, equipment and facilities	**4,824**	5,868
Charges for the use of telecommunications towers and related assets (Note 31.2)	**7,723**	–
Others	**730**	741
	25,624	19,154

7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Salaries and wages	**13,598**	13,585
Contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	**2,559**	2,426
Contributions to medical insurance	**877**	810
Contributions to housing fund	**1,227**	1,095
Other housing benefits	**10**	9
	18,271	17,925

8. COSTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS SOLD

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Handsets and other customer end products	**20,015**	24,840
Telephone cards	**159**	163
Others	**43**	77
	20,217	25,080

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9. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Impairment losses for doubtful debts and write-down of inventories	**2,069**	2,373
Cost in relation to information communications technology services	**2,742**	2,176
Commission expenses	**12,107**	10,071
Customer acquisition cost and advertising and promotion expenses	**1,407**	1,401
Customer installation cost	**1,983**	1,848
Customer retention cost	**1,633**	1,313
Property management fee	**1,067**	1,114
Office and administrative expenses	**807**	883
Transportation expense	**769**	828
Miscellaneous taxes and fees	**448**	464
Technical support expenses	**858**	752
Repairs and maintenance expenses	**351**	386
Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**798**	223
Others	**1,454**	1,672
	28,493	25,504

10. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Finance costs:		
– Interest on bank loans repayable within 5 years	**1,369**	1,581
– Interest on corporate bonds, promissory notes and commercial papers repayable within 5 years	**1,333**	907
– Interest on convertible bonds repayable within 5 years	**–**	105
– Interest on related party loans repayable within 5 years	**30**	33
– Interest on bank loans repayable over 5 years	**26**	2
– Less: Amounts capitalised in CIP	**(394)**	(404)
Total interest expense	**2,364**	2,224
– Exchange (gain)/loss, net	**(78)**	855
– Others	**182**	151
	2,468	3,230

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11. OTHER INCOME – NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	**188**	180
Others	**388**	370
	576	550

12. TAXATION

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 June 2016. Taxation on profits outside Hong Kong has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 June 2016 at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates. The Company's subsidiaries operate mainly in the PRC and the applicable statutory enterprise income tax rate is 25% (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: 25%). Taxation for certain subsidiaries in PRC was calculated at a preferential tax rate of 15% (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: 15%).

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Current tax – Hong Kong profits tax	**35**	14
Current tax – Mainland China and other countries	**1,285**	1,771
Deferred taxation	**(925)**	157
Income tax expenses	**395**	1,942

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12. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

The movement of the net deferred tax assets/(liabilities) is as follows:

	Note	Six months ended 30 June	
		2016	2015
Net deferred income tax assets after offsetting:			
– Beginning of period		**5,642**	6,215
– Deferred tax credited/(charged) to the statement of income		**923**	(156)
– Deferred tax credited to other comprehensive income		**5**	11
– Reclassified from current taxes payable	(i)	**(1,304)**	–
– End of period		**5,266**	6,070
Net deferred income tax liabilities after offsetting:			
– Beginning of period		**(18)**	(17)
– Deferred tax credited/(charged) to the statement of income		**2**	(1)
– End of period		**(16)**	(18)

(i) On 14 October 2015, the Group disposed of certain telecommunications towers and related assets ("Tower Assets Disposal") to China Tower Corporation Limited ("Tower Company") in exchange for cash and shares issued by Tower Company (see Note 31.2). According to the applicable tax laws issued by the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") of the PRC, the gain from Tower Assets Disposal in exchange for investment in Tower Company ("Qualified Income") is, upon fulfilling the filing requirement with in-charge tax bureau, eligible to be deferred and treated as taxable income on a straight-line basis over a period not exceeding five years. Before completing the filing, the Group accrued current taxes payable based on the total gain from Tower Asset Disposal. During the six months ended ended 30 June 2016, the Group successfully completed the filing requirement with in-charge tax bureau with respect to the Qualified Income and since then has become eligible for deferring part of tax liability with respect to the Qualified Income, which will be reversed in the four years from 2016 to 2019. Accordingly, a balance of RMB1,304 million was reclassified from current taxes payable to net deferred income tax assets at 30 June 2016.

13. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2016 and 2015 were computed by dividing the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the periods.

Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2016 and 2015 were computed by dividing the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the periods, after adjusting for the effects of dilutive potential ordinary shares. No dilutive potential ordinary shares existed for the six months ended 30 June 2016. All dilutive potential ordinary shares for the six months ended 30 June 2015 arose from the convertible bonds.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Numerator (in RMB millions):		
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company used in computing basic earnings per share	**1,429**	6,990
Imputed finance cost on the liability component of convertible bonds	**–**	105
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company used in computing diluted earnings per share	**1,429**	7,095
Denominator (in millions):		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding used in computing basic earnings per share	**23,947**	23,947
Dilutive equivalent shares arising from convertible bonds	**–**	953
Shares used in computing diluted earnings per share	**23,947**	24,900
Basic earnings per share (in RMB)	**0.06**	0.29
Diluted earnings per share (in RMB)	**0.06**	0.28

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14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The movements of property, plant and equipment for the six months ended 30 June 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June 2016					
	Buildings	Telecommunications equipment	Office furniture, fixtures, motor vehicles and other equipment	Leasehold improvements	Construction-in-progress ("CIP")	Total
Cost:						
Beginning of period	62,969	838,995	19,464	3,878	97,601	1,022,907
Additions	45	165	89	97	16,914	17,310
Transfer from CIP	1,165	31,192	253	208	(32,818)	–
Transfer to other assets	–	–	–	–	(1,630)	(1,630)
Disposals	(24)	(19,830)	(295)	(111)	(1)	(20,261)
End of period	64,155	850,522	19,511	4,072	80,066	1,018,326
Accumulated depreciation and impairment:						
Beginning of period	(26,612)	(525,244)	(14,059)	(2,256)	(105)	(568,276)
Charge for the period	(1,311)	(31,133)	(752)	(344)	–	(33,540)
Disposals	24	18,215	274	87	1	18,601
End of period	(27,899)	(538,162)	(14,537)	(2,513)	(104)	(583,215)
Net book value:						
End of period	36,256	312,360	4,974	1,559	79,962	435,111
Beginning of period	36,357	313,751	5,405	1,622	97,496	454,631

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14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

	Six months ended 30 June 2015					
	Buildings	Tele-communications equipment	Office furniture, fixtures, motor vehicles and other equipment	Leasehold improvements	CIP	Total
Cost:						
Beginning of period	68,768	882,834	19,108	4,429	58,739	1,033,878
Additions	3	187	92	95	29,556	29,933
Transfer from CIP	713	12,938	277	116	(14,044)	–
Transfer to other assets	–	–	–	–	(1,217)	(1,217)
Disposals	(13)	(10,521)	(265)	(95)	–	(10,894)
End of period	69,471	885,438	19,212	4,545	73,034	1,051,700
Accumulated depreciation and impairment:						
Beginning of period	(27,339)	(552,294)	(13,411)	(2,339)	(174)	(595,557)
Charge for the period	(1,644)	(32,269)	(789)	(434)	–	(35,136)
Impairment loss	–	(58)	–	–	(10)	(68)
Disposals	13	9,803	226	86	–	10,128
End of period	(28,970)	(574,818)	(13,974)	(2,687)	(184)	(620,633)
Net book value:						
End of period	40,501	310,620	5,238	1,858	72,850	431,067
Beginning of period	41,429	330,540	5,697	2,090	58,565	438,321

For the six months ended 30 June 2016, the Group recognised a loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment of approximately RMB798 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: loss of approximately RMB223 million).

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15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Listed in the PRC	**144**	164
Listed outside the PRC	**4,006**	4,665
Unlisted	**41**	23
	4,191	4,852

For the six months ended 30 June 2016, decrease in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income amounted to approximately RMB679 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: decrease of approximately RMB45 million). The decrease, net of tax impact, of approximately RMB674 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: decrease, net of tax impact, of approximately RMB34 million) were recorded in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income.

16. OTHER ASSETS

	Note	**30 June 2016**	31 December 2015
Purchased software		**10,205**	10,714
Prepaid rental for premises, leased lines and electricity cables		**3,783**	4,071
Installation costs		**419**	478
Direct incremental costs for activating broadband subscribers		**7,599**	7,340
Receivable for the sales of mobile handsets	(i)	**1,884**	1,273
VAT recoverable	(ii)	**3,114**	–
Others		**1,441**	1,459
		28,445	25,335

(i) The amount represents receivable for the sales of mobile handsets that are recoverable during the contract period, which will be gradually recovered beyond one year. Receivables to be gradually recovered within one year are included in prepayments and other current assets (see Note 19(i)).

(ii) VAT recoverable includes input VAT and prepaid VAT which will likely be deducted beyond one year. VAT recoverable which will be deducted within one year are included in prepayments and other current assets (see Note 19(ii)).

17. INVENTORIES AND CONSUMABLES

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Handsets and other customer end products	**3,029**	3,453
Telephone cards	**192**	185
Consumables	**157**	188
Others	**119**	120
	3,497	3,946

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18. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Accounts receivable	**23,860**	19,867
Less: Allowance for doubtful debts	**(6,886)**	(4,910)
	16,974	14,957

The aging analysis of accounts receivable, based on the billing date and net of allowance for doubtful debts, is as follows:

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Current and within one month	**11,687**	11,679
More than one month and within three months	**2,524**	1,805
More than three months and within one year	**1,572**	655
More than one year	**1,191**	818
	16,974	14,957

The normal credit period granted by the Group to individual subscribers is 30 days from the date of billing unless they meet certain specified credit assessment criteria. For corporate customers, the credit period granted by the Group is based on the service contract terms, normally around 1 year.

There is no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to customers receivables, as the Group has a large number of customers.

19. PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

The nature of prepayments and other current assets, net of allowance for doubtful debts, are as follows:

	Note	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Receivable for the sales of mobile handsets	(i)	**2,860**	2,328
Prepaid rental		**2,145**	2,098
Deposits and prepayments		**2,036**	1,824
Advances to employees		**40**	50
VAT recoverable	(ii)	**3,055**	3,125
Prepaid enterprise income tax		**32**	33
Others		**1,353**	1,406
		11,521	10,864

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19. PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS (CONTINUED)

(i) The Group offers preferential packages to the customers which include the bundle sale of mobile handset and provision of service. The total contract consideration of such preferential packages is allocated to service revenue and sales of handsets based on their relative fair values. For those contractual preferential packages with guarantees by third parties, the revenue relating to the sale of the handsets is recognised when the titles are passed to the customers and are calculated under the aforementioned relative fair value method, which results in the corresponding receivable for the sales of mobile handsets. The receivable for the sales of mobile handsets is gradually recovered during the contract period when the customers pay the monthly package fee. Receivables to be gradually recovered beyond one year amounted to RMB1,884 million (31 December 2015: RMB1,273 million), and are included in long term other assets (see Note 16(i)).

(ii) VAT recoverable includes input VAT and prepaid VAT which will be deducted within one year.

The aging analysis of prepayments and other current assets is as follows:

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Within one year	11,250	10,700
More than one year	271	164
	11,521	10,864

As at 30 June 2016, there was no significant impairment for the prepayments and other current assets.

20. SHARE CAPITAL

Issued and fully paid:	Number of shares millions	Share capital	Total
At 1 January 2015	23,947	179,101	179,101
Issuance of shares upon exercise of options	–	1	1
At 31 December 2015 and at 30 June 2016	**23,947**	**179,102**	**179,102**

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21. DIVIDENDS

At the annual general meeting held on 12 May 2016, the shareholders of the Company approved the payment of a final dividend of RMB0.17 per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2015 totaling approximately RMB4,071 million (for the year ended 31 December 2014: final dividend of RMB0.20 per ordinary share, totaling approximately RMB4,789 million) which has been reflected as a reduction of retained profits for the six months ended 30 June 2016. Among the dividend payable of approximately RMB1,216 million was due to Unicom BVI as at 30 June 2016.

Pursuant to the PRC enterprise income tax law, a 10% withholding income tax is levied on dividends declared on or after 1 January 2008 by foreign investment enterprises to their foreign enterprise shareholders unless the enterprise investor is deemed as a PRC Tax Resident Enterprise ("TRE"). On 11 November 2010, the Company obtained an approval from SAT, pursuant to which the Company qualifies as a PRC TRE from 1 January 2008. Therefore, as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015, the Company's subsidiaries in the PRC did not accrue for withholding tax on dividends distributed to the Company and there has been no deferred tax liability accrued in the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial information for the undistributed profits of the Company's subsidiaries in the PRC.

For the Company's non-PRC TRE enterprise shareholders (including HKSCC Nominees Limited), the Company would distribute dividends after deducting the amount of enterprise income tax payable by these non-PRC TRE enterprise shareholders thereon and reclassify the related dividend payable to withholding tax payable upon the declaration of such dividends. The requirement to withhold tax does not apply to the Company's shareholders appearing as individuals in its share register.

22. LONG-TERM BANK LOANS

	Interest rates and final maturity	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
RMB denominated bank loans	Fixed interest rates ranging from 1.08% to 1.20% (31 December 2015: 1.08%) per annum with maturity through 2036 (31 December 2015: maturity through 2030)	**4,142**	1,399
USD denominated bank loans	Fixed interest rates ranging from Nil to 1.55% (31 December 2015: Nil to 1.55%) per annum with maturity through 2039 (31 December 2015: maturity through 2039)	**319**	325
Euro denominated bank loans	Fixed interest rates ranging from 1.10% to 2.50% (31 December 2015: 1.10% to 2.50%) per annum with maturity through 2034 (31 December 2015: maturity through 2034)	**101**	108
Sub-total		**4,562**	1,832
Less: Current portion		**(127)**	(84)
		4,435	1,748

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22. LONG-TERM BANK LOANS (CONTINUED)

As at 30 June 2016, long-term bank loans of approximately RMB69 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB88 million) were guaranteed by third parties.

The repayment schedule of the long-term bank loans is as follows:

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Balances due:		
– not later than one year	127	84
– later than one year and not later than two years	262	88
– later than two years and not later than five years	1,032	302
– later than five years	3,141	1,358
	4,562	1,832
Less: Portion classified as current liabilities	(127)	(84)
	4,435	1,748

23. PROMISSORY NOTES

On 3 April 2014, the Company established a Medium Term Note Programme (the "MTN Programme"), under which the Company could offer and issue notes of aggregate principal amount of up to RMB10 billion. Notes under the MTN Programme will be denominated in RMB and are to be issued to professional investors outside the United States. On 16 April 2014, the Company completed the issue of notes in an aggregate nominal amount of RMB4 billion pursuant to the MTN Programme, with a maturity of 3 years and at an interest rate of 4.00% per annum. On 24 July 2014, the Company completed the issue of notes in an aggregate nominal amount of RMB2.5 billion with a maturity period of 2 years and at an interest rate of 3.80% per annum.

On 16 April 2014, China United Network Communications Corporation Limited ("CUCL") issued tranche one of 2014 promissory notes in the amount of RMB5 billion, with a maturity period of 3 years from the date of issue and which carries interests at 5.35% per annum.

On 14 July 2014, CUCL issued tranche two of 2014 promissory notes in an amount of RMB5 billion, with a maturity period of 3 years from the date of issue and which carries interest at 4.84% per annum.

On 28 November 2014, CUCL issued tranche three of 2014 promissory notes in an amount of RMB5 billion, with a maturity period of 3 years from the date of issue and which carries interest at 4.20% per annum.

On 15 June 2015, CUCL issued tranche one of 2015 promissory notes in an amount of RMB4 billion, with a maturity period of 3 years from the date of issue and which carries interest at 3.85% per annum.

On 18 June 2015, CUCL issued tranche two of 2015 promissory notes in an amount of RMB4 billion, with a maturity period of 3 years from the date of issue and which carries interest at 3.85% per annum.

On 30 November 2015, CUCL issued tranche three of 2015 promissory notes in an amount of RMB3.5 billion, tranche four of 2015 promissory notes in an amount of RMB3.5 billion and tranche five of 2015 promissory notes in an amount of RMB3 billion, all with a maturity period of 3 years from the date of issue and which carries interest at 3.30% per annum.

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24. CORPORATE BONDS

On 8 June 2007, the Group issued RMB2 billion 10-year corporate bonds, bearing interest at 4.50% per annum. The corporate bonds are secured by a corporate guarantee granted by Bank of China Limited.

On 7 June 2016, the Group issued RMB7 billion 3-year corporate bonds and RMB1 billion 5-year corporate bond, bearing interest at 3.07% and 3.43% per annum respectively.

25. SHORT-TERM BANK LOANS

	Interest rates and final maturity	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
RMB denominated bank loans	Fixed interest rates ranging from 2.35% to 3.92% (31 December 2015: 2.35% to 3.92%) per annum with maturity through 2017 (31 December 2015: maturity through 2016)	48,741	83,852
		48,741	83,852

26. COMMERCIAL PAPERS

On 20 November 2015, CUCL issued tranche two of 2015 super short term commercial papers in an amount of RMB10 billion, with a maturity period of 270 days from the date of issue and which carries interest at 3.15% per annum.

On 27 November 2015, CUCL issued tranche one of 2015 short term commercial papers in an amount of RMB10 billion, with a maturity period of 366 days from the date of issue and which carries interest at 3.15% per annum.

On 8 April 2016, CUCL issued tranche one of 2016 super short term commercial papers in an amount of RMB12 billion, with a maturity period of 90 days from the date of issue and which carries interest at 2.47% per annum.

On 26 April 2016, CUCL issued tranche two of 2016 super short term commercial papers in an amount of RMB12 billion, with a maturity period of 90 days from the date of issue and which carries interest at 2.70% per annum.

On 3 June 2016, CUCL issued tranche three of 2016 super short term commercial papers in an amount of RMB6 billion, with a maturity period of 270 days from the date of issue and which carries interest at 2.72% per annum.

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27. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Payables to contractors and equipment suppliers	105,524	131,202
Payables to telecommunications products suppliers	4,812	5,045
Customer/contractor deposits	4,715	4,564
Repair and maintenance expense payables	5,363	5,003
Salary and welfare payables	5,083	3,283
Interest payables	1,321	926
Amounts due to service providers/content providers	1,282	1,175
Accrued expenses	13,381	12,006
Others	4,321	4,192
	145,802	167,396

The aging analysis of accounts payable and accrued liabilities based on the invoice date is as follows:

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Less than six months	117,861	146,336
Six months to one year	18,959	9,772
More than one year	8,982	11,288
	145,802	167,396

28. MUTUAL INVESTMENT OF THE COMPANY AND TELEFÓNICA S.A. (“TELEFÓNICA”) IN EACH OTHER

On 6 September 2009, the Company announced that in order to strengthen the cooperation between the Company and Telefónica, the parties entered into a strategic alliance agreement and a subscription agreement, pursuant to which each party conditionally agreed to invest an equivalent of USD1 billion in each other through an acquisition of each other’s shares.

On 23 January 2011, the Company entered into an agreement to enhance the strategic alliance with Telefónica that: (a) Telefónica would purchase ordinary shares of the Company for a consideration of USD500 million through acquisition from third parties; and (b) the Company would acquire from Telefónica 21,827,499 ordinary shares of Telefónica held in treasury (“Telefónica Treasury Shares”) for an aggregate purchase price of Euro374,559,882.84. On 25 January 2011, the Company completed the purchase of Telefónica Treasury Shares in accordance with the strategic agreement. During 2011, Telefónica completed its investment of USD500 million in the Company.

On 14 May 2012, Telefónica declared a dividend. The Company chose to implement it by means of a scrip dividend and received 1,646,269 ordinary shares of approximately RMB146 million.

As at 30 June 2016, the related financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income amounted to approximately RMB4,006 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB4,665 million). For the six months ended 30 June 2016, the decrease in fair value of the financial assets through other comprehensive income was approximately RMB659 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: decrease of approximately RMB82 million). The decrease, net of tax impact, of approximately RMB659 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: decrease, net of tax impact, of approximately RMB62 million) has been recorded in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income.

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29. EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE OPTION SCHEMES

On 16 April 2014, the Company adopted a new share option scheme ("the 2014 Share Option Scheme"). The 2014 Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing on 22 April 2014 and will expire on 22 April 2024. No share options had been granted since adoption of the 2014 Share Option Scheme.

Movements in the number of share options outstanding and their related weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June			
	2016		2015	
	Average exercise price in HKD per share	**Number of share options involved**	Average exercise price in HKD per share	Number of share options involved
Balance, beginning of period	**–**	**–**	6.35	3,540,000
Lapsed	**–**	**–**	6.35	(3,432,000)
Exercised	**–**	**–**	6.35	(108,000)
Balance, end of period	**–**	**–**	–	–

Exercise of share options during the six months ended 30 June 2015 resulted in 108,000 shares being issued, with exercise proceeds of approximately RMB1 million.

No options outstanding as at 30 June 2016 and 2015.

30. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial assets of the Group mainly include cash and cash equivalents, short-term bank deposits, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial asset at fair value through profit and loss, accounts receivable, receivable for the sales of mobile handsets, amounts due from related parties and domestic carriers. Financial liabilities of the Group mainly include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, short-term bank loans, commercial papers, corporate bonds, promissory notes, long-term bank loans, other obligations and amounts due to ultimate holding company, related parties and domestic carriers.

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30. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(a) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1 valuation: unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date
- Level 2 valuation: observable inputs which fail to meet level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs for which market data are not available
- Level 3 valuation: fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs

The following table presents the Group's assets that are measured at fair value at 30 June 2016:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Recurring fair value measurement				
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income				
– Equity securities				
– Listed	4,150	–	–	4,150
– Unlisted	–	–	41	41
	4,150	–	41	4,191
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss				
– Equity securities				
– Unlisted	–	–	135	135
Total	4,150	–	176	4,326

The following table presents the Group's assets that are measured at fair value at 31 December 2015:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Recurring fair value measurement				
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income				
– Equity securities				
– Listed	4,829	–	–	4,829
– Unlisted	–	–	23	23
	4,829	–	23	4,852
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss				
– Equity securities				
– Unlisted	–	–	106	106
Total	4,829	–	129	4,958

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30. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(a) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value (continued)

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the statement of financial position date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1 and comprise primarily equity securities of Telefónica which are classified as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

During the six months ended 30 June 2016 and 2015, there was no transfer between Level 1 and Level 2, or transfer into or out of Level 3. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

(b) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities carried at other than fair value

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments carried at amortised cost are not materially different from their fair values as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015. Their carrying amounts and fair values and the level of fair values hierarchy are disclosed below:

	Carrying amount as at 30 June 2016	Fair value as at 30 June 2016	Fair value measurement as at 30 June 2016 categorised into			Carrying amount as at 31 December 2015	Fair value as at 31 December 2015
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Non-current portion of long-term bank loans	4,435	4,506	–	–	4,506	1,748	1,752
Non-current portion of promissory notes	27,841	28,913	–	28,913	–	36,928	38,141
Non-current portion of corporate bonds	7,984	8,012	–	8,012	–	2,000	2,111

The fair value of the non-current portion of long-term bank loans is based on the expected cash flows of principal and interests payment discounted at market rates ranging from 1.51% to 4.15% (31 December 2015: 1.81% to 4.08%) per annum.

The fair value of the non-current portion of promissory notes is based on the expected cash flows of principal and interests payment discounted at market rates ranging from 2.81% to 3.26% (31 December 2015: 2.84% to 5.62%) per annum.

The fair value of the non-current portion of corporate bonds is based on the expected cash flows of principal and interests payment discounted at market rates ranging from 2.69% to 3.14% (31 December 2015: 2.35%) per annum.

Besides, the carrying amounts of the Group's other financial assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost approximated their fair values as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015 due to the nature or short maturity of those instruments.

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Unicom Group is a state-owned enterprise directly controlled by the PRC government. The PRC government is the Company's ultimate controlling party. Neither Unicom Group nor the PRC government publishes financial statements available for public use.

The PRC government controls a significant portion of the productive assets and entities in the PRC. The Group provides telecommunications services as part of its retail transactions, thus, is likely to have extensive transactions with the employees of other state-controlled entities, including their key management personnel and their close family members. These transactions are carried out on commercial terms that are consistently applied to all customers.

Management considers certain state-owned enterprises have material transactions with the Group in its ordinary course of business, which include but not limited to 1) rendering and receiving telecommunications services, including interconnection revenue/charges; 2) purchasing of goods, including use of public utilities; and 3) placing of bank deposits and borrowing money. The Group's telecommunications network depends, in large part, on interconnection with the network and on transmission lines leased from other domestic carriers. These transactions are mainly carried out on terms comparable to those conducted with third parties or standards promulgated by relevant government authorities and have been reflected in the financial statements.

Management believes that meaningful information relating to related party transactions has been disclosed.

31.1 Connected transactions with Unicom Group and its subsidiaries

(a) Recurring transactions

The following is a summary of significant recurring transactions carried out by the Group with Unicom Group and its subsidiaries. In the directors' opinion, these transactions were carried out in the ordinary course of business.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2016	2015
Transactions with Unicom Group and its subsidiaries:		
Charges for value-added telecommunications services	**18**	22
Rental charges for property leasing	**490**	463
Charges for lease of telecommunications resources	**116**	136
Charges for engineering design and construction services	**1,938**	1,363
Charges for shared services	**52**	53
Charges for equipment procurement services	**40**	38
Charges for ancillary telecommunications services	**1,272**	1,231
Charges for comprehensive support services	**745**	570
Income from comprehensive support services	**3**	3

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

31.1 Connected transactions with Unicom Group and its subsidiaries (continued)

(a) Recurring transactions (continued)

On 24 October 2013, CUCL entered into the agreement, "2013 Comprehensive Services Agreement" with Unicom Group to renew certain continuing connected transactions. 2013 Comprehensive Services Agreement has a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016, and the service fees payable shall be calculated on the same basis as under previous agreements. Annual caps for certain transactions have changed under the agreement. On 21 August 2015, CUCL and Unicom Group entered into the supplemental agreement to revise the annual cap for the total charges payable by CUCL to Unicom Group for comprehensive support services under the 2013 Comprehensive Services Agreement for each of the two years of 2015 and 2016.

(b) Amounts due from and to Unicom Group and its subsidiaries

Amount due to Unicom Group as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015 included the unsecured entrusted loan from Unicom Group of RMB1,344 million with interest rate at 4.37% per annum.

Apart from the unsecured entrusted loan as aforementioned, amounts due from and to Unicom Group and its subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free, repayable on demand/on contract terms and arise in the ordinary course of business in respect of transactions with Unicom Group and its subsidiaries as described in (a) above.

(c) Commitments to Unicom Group and its subsidiaries

As at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015, the Group had total future aggregate minimum operating lease payments to Unicom Group and its subsidiaries under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	30 June 2016	31 December 2015
Unicom Group and its subsidiaries	**977**	926

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

31.2 Related party transactions with Tower Company

(a) Related party transactions

		Six months ended 30 June	
	Note	**2016**	2015
Transactions with Tower Company:			
Interest income from Cash Consideration	(i)	**337**	–
Charges for the use of telecommunications towers and related assets	(ii)	**7,723**	–
Income from engineering design and construction services	(iii)	**57**	–

(i) On 14 October 2015, CUCL and Unicom New Horizon Telecommunications Company Limited (“Unicom New Horizon”, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CUCL and an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) entered into a transfer agreement (the “Transfer Agreement”) , amongst China Mobile Communications Company Limited and its related subsidiaries (“China Mobile”), China Telecom Corporation Limited (“China Telecom”), China Reform Holdings Corporation Limited (“CRHC”) and Tower Company. Pursuant to the Transfer Agreement, the Group, China Mobile and China Telecom sold certain of their telecommunications towers and related assets (the “Tower Assets”) to Tower Company (hereinafter referred to as the “Tower Assets Disposal”) in exchange for shares issued by Tower Company and cash consideration. In addition, CRHC made a cash subscription for shares of Tower Company.

The final consideration amount for the Tower Assets Disposal attributed to the Group was determined as RMB54,658 million. Tower Company issued 33,335,836,822 shares (“Consideration Shares”) to CUCL at an issue price of RMB1.00 per share and the balance of the consideration of approximately RMB21,322 million payable in cash (“Cash Consideration”).

Upon the issuance of new shares by Tower Company, the Group, China Mobile, China Telecom and CRHC own 28.1%, 38.0%, 27.9% and 6.0% of Tower Company respectively. As at 30 June 2016, interest in Tower Company is RMB31,787 million.

As at 30 June 2016, the first tranche of the Cash Consideration of RMB3,000 million was settled. The remaining balance of the Cash Consideration of RMB18,322 million will be settled before 31 December 2017. The outstanding Cash Consideration carries interest at 3.92% per annum. For the six months ended 30 June 2016, interest income arisen from outstanding Cash Consideration was approximately RMB337 million.

(ii) As at 30 June 2016, the Group was in the process of negotiating with Tower Company to finalise the framework and other detailed agreements which cover the usage of certain telecommunications towers and related assets. On the basis of the latest terms under negotiation, the Group’s management has estimated and recognised an usage fee for the six months ended 30 June 2016 of approximately RMB7,723 million in connection with its usage of the relevant assets during the period.

(iii) The Group provide engineering design and construction services, including system integration and engineering design services to Tower Company.

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

31.2 Related party transactions with Tower Company (continued)

(b) Amounts due from and to Tower Company

Amount due from Tower Company as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015 included outstanding Cash Consideration from Tower Company of RMB18,322 million, which carries interest at 3.92% per annum, with the principal to be settled before 31 December 2017.

Apart from the outstanding Cash Consideration as aforementioned, amounts due from and to Tower Company are unsecured, interest-free, repayable on demand/on contract terms and arise in the ordinary course of business in respect of transactions with Tower Company as described in (a) above.

32. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

32.1 Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015, the Group had capital commitments, mainly in relation to the construction of telecommunications network, as follows:

	30 June 2016			31 December 2015
	Land and buildings	Equipment	Total	Total
Authorised and contracted for	239	13,705	13,944	18,129
Authorised but not contracted for	13,132	16,420	29,552	21,851
	13,371	30,125	43,496	39,980

32.2 Operating lease commitments

As at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015, the Group had total future aggregate minimum operating lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	30 June 2016			31 December 2015
	Land and buildings	Equipment	Total	Total
Leases expiring:				
– not later than one year	2,088	2,895	4,983	4,838
– later than one year and not later than five years	1,581	4,124	5,705	7,572
– later than five years	271	771	1,042	1,731
	3,940	7,790	11,730	14,141

32. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

32.3 Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had no material contingent liabilities and no material financial guarantees issued.

33. EVENT AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

On 8 July 2016, CUCL and Tower Company entered into a framework agreement in relation to the usage of certain telecommunications towers and related assets (the "Agreement"). The Agreement stipulated specific terms including assets categories, pricing basis for usage charges, and relevant service period etc. Provincial service agreements will be formed between respective provincial companies of CUCL and Tower Company according to the Agreement and their negotiation subsequently.

34. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information was approved by the Board of Directors on 17 August 2016.