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China Telecom Corporation Limited

中国电信股份有限公司

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 728)

RESIGNATION AND PROPOSED

APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors (the “Board”) of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”) announces that due to change in work arrangement, Mr. Chen Liangxian has resigned from his position as the non-executive director of the Company with effect from 20 March 2013. Mr. Chen has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and did not have any matters in relation to his resignation that should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Chen Liangxian for his valuable contribution to the Company during his tenure of office. Meanwhile, the Board also proposes that Mr. Xie Liang to be appointed by the shareholders of the Company as the non-executive director of the Company.

Mr. Xie Liang, aged 49, is a senior accountant and received an executive master degree of business administration (EMBA) from Jinan University. Mr. Xie is the Vice President of Guangdong Rising Assets Management Co., Ltd (one of the domestic shareholders of the Company). Mr. Xie served as the Deputy Director of the Corporate Finance Division and the Corporate Audit Division of the Guangzhou Military District Back-end Operation Management Department and the Vice Minister, the Minister and the assistant to the President of Guangdong Rising Assets Management Co., Ltd. Mr. Xie has over 20 years of experience in corporate management and extensive experience in corporate finance management.

Save as disclosed in this announcement, Mr. Xie Liang did not hold any directorship in any other listed companies nor take up any post in any affiliated companies of the Company in the past three years, nor have any relationship with any other director, supervisor, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company. Furthermore, Mr. Xie Liang does not have any equity interest in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong. Save as disclosed herein, there is no other information relating to the proposed appointment of Mr. Xie Liang that shall be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h)to(v) of the Rules Governing

the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited nor any matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The proposed appointment of Mr. Xie Liang as the non-executive director of the Company will be submitted to the annual general meeting for the year 2012 for approval by the shareholders of the Company. A notice of annual general meeting, which contains, among others, the details of such appointment will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Beijing, PRC, 20 March 2013

As of the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Wang Xiaochu as the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Yang Jie as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Yang Xiaowei, Mr. Sun Kangmin and Mr. Ke Ruiwen as the executive vice presidents, and Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Qin Xiao, Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming as the independent non-executive directors.