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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)

5G DIGITAL CELLULAR MOBILE SERVICE OPERATION PERMIT

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of the Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The board of directors (the “Board”) of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”) announces that the Company was notified by China Telecommunications Corporation (the parent company of the Company) that China Telecom has been granted from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People’s Republic of China the permit to operate 5G digital cellular mobile service.

The Company believes that the issuance of the 5G service operation permit facilitates the construction of Digital China and social economic development, which is of great significance to the telecommunications industry and the Company’s achievement of high-quality development. With due regards to the development of technology, value chain and applications scenario, the Company will expedite the momentum of 5G commercialization, and deploy network construction with market and business as the lead. Through proactive exploration and promotion of co-building and co-sharing of 5G network to reduce the costs of network construction and maintenance, the Company will persistently promote innovation and transformation development to satisfy users’ increasingly proliferating informatisation needs with superior experience and service, leverage differentiated advantages in corporate customers market and cloud-network integration and promote 5G integrated applications with key vertical industries as the focus. The Company will foster industry prosperity and enjoy development results jointly with domestic and international co-operative partners.

In the meantime, investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Ke Ruiwen
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer

Beijing, China, 6 June 2019

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this announcement may be viewed as “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended). Such forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual performance, financial condition or results of operations of the Company to be materially different from any future performance, financial condition or results of operations implied by such forward-looking statements. In addition, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements. Further information regarding these risks, uncertainties and other factors is included in the Company’s most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and in the Company’s other filings with the SEC.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company consists of Mr. Ke Ruiwen (as the chairman, chief executive officer, president and chief operating officer); Mr. Gao Tongqing, Mr. Chen Zhongyue and Madam Zhu Min (as the chief financial officer) (all as the executive vice presidents); Mr. Chen Shengguang (as the non-executive director); Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Mr. Xu Erming, Madam Wang Hsuehming and Mr. Yeung Chi Wai, Jason (all as the independent non-executive directors).