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CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED

中國聯合網絡通信（香港）股份有限公司

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0762)

RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**Company**”) announces the resignation of Mr. John Lawson Thornton (“**Mr. Thornton**”) as a director of the Company with effect from 4 March 2015.

Mr. Thornton has been an independent non-executive director of the Company since October 2008. He has also been a member of audit committee, nomination committee and remuneration committee of the Company (the “**Board Committees**”). In view of recent expanded responsibilities within his other business interests, Mr. Thornton has decided to resign from the Board and the Board Committees.

Mr. Thornton has confirmed that there is no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter relating to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Thornton for his valuable contributions to the Company.

By Order of the Board of
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Chu Ka Yee
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 3 March 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive directors	: Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Li Fushen and Zhang Junan
Non-executive director	: Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent non-executive directors	: Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, John Lawson Thornton, Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Cai Hongbin and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny