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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)

**THE GRANT BY THE MIIT OF THE PERMIT TO OPERATE 5G DIGITAL CELLULAR
MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**

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 XIV A of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The board of directors (the “Board”) of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Company”) announced that China United Network Communications Group Company Limited (“Unicom Group”), the ultimate parent company of the Company, was notified by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China (the “MIIT”) that Unicom Group has been granted by the MIIT the permit to operate 5G digital cellular mobile communications service. Meanwhile, the MIIT has granted approval for Unicom Group to license China United Network Communications Corporation Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, to operate 5G mobile communications service nationwide in mainland China.

In the future, the Company will persist in the business operation in compliance with the law and regulations. It will make dynamic and precise investment in 5G construction with due regards to the technological advancement, market and business demand, competitive landscape, etc., as well as accelerating 5G commercialisation. It will also actively research and drive 5G network sharing while exploring various cooperation modes, so as to reduce construction cost and drive the high-quality development of 5G. By advancing the industry ecosystem and upholding the principle of open cooperation and win-win development, the Company will join hands with the value chain to share the new bonus to be brought by 5G. It will actively drive the integrated application and innovative development of 5G. It aims to deliver capabilities and intelligence to more industry verticals and foster digitised, network-based and intelligent development of various industries while striving to enhance the user experience and corporate return.

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

By Order of the Board

CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED

WANG XIAOCHU

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 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 comprises:

Executive Directors:	Wang Xiaochu, Li Guohua, Li Fushen, Shao Guanglu and Zhu Keping
Non-executive Director:	Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent Non-executive Directors:	Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, Chung Shui Ming Timpson and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny