



CHINA NETCOM GROUP CORPORATION (HONG KONG) LIMITED

中國網通集團(香港)有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 906)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Appointment of Director and Change of Alternate Directors

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Company”) announces that Mr. Mauricio Sartorius has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 19 December 2006. Mr. Mauricio Sartorius ceased to be the alternate director to Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete, a Non-Executive Director of the Company, on 19 December 2006. Ms. Hong Chen Jin, who is nominated by both Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete and Mr. Mauricio Sartorius, has been appointed as alternate director to both Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete and Mr. Mauricio Sartorius, with effect from 19 December 2006.

Mr. Mauricio Sartorius, 47. He was the alternate director to Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete from 12 September 2005 to 19 December 2006. Mr. Sartorius began his career with Banco del Progreso. In 1983, Mr. Sartorius started working at E. F. Hutton & Co., Inc. as a Registered Commodity Representative. In 1985, he joined Credit Suisse First Boston as Vice President of Corporate Finance for the Latin American Region based in New York. Mr. Sartorius joined Telefónica on 1 January 1997 as a Deputy Managing Director of the Corporate Finance Department. In 1998, Mr. Sartorius was appointed responsible for human resources for Telefónica Internacional, S.A. On 1 January 2005, he became the Chief Representative Officer of Asia of Telefónica Internacional and since then resides in Beijing. Mr. Sartorius holds a degree in economics from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid and a MBA degree from New York University.

Mr. Mauricio Sartorius does not have any service contract with the Company and he will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company at least every three years. Mr. Mauricio Sartorius is entitled to an annual director’s fee of HK\$250,000 as proposed by the Board and approved by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting held on 20 May 2005. His remuneration has been determined with reference to his duties, responsibilities and experience, and to prevailing market conditions. As at the date hereof, Mr. Mauricio Sartorius does not have any interest in the Company’s shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Ms. Hong Chen Jin, 44, is the Deputy General Manager of the Asia Representative Office of Telefónica Internacional in Beijing. She has worked for seven years in the IT industry in the U.S.A. before joining Telefónica. She has been with Telefónica Group for more than ten years. Prior to her assignment to Asia in 2005, she has worked in various companies of Telefónica Group, including Telefónica de España, Telefónica Móviles, Telefónica Data and Telefónica Soluciones. She was promoted to deputy director and director position of Telefónica in 1999 before her assignment to China. She has a degree in computer science and a MBA degree (major in Foreign Trade) from Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and a Master's Degree from the U.S.A. in industrial engineering major in investment analysis and corporate management skills. As at the date hereof, Ms. Hong Chen Jin does not have any interest in the Company's shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Except as noted above, each of Mr. Mauricio Sartorius and Ms. Hong Chen Jin is not connected with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and each of them has not held any other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Save as disclosed above, there is no other information required to be disclosed in relation to the appointment of Mr. Mauricio Sartorius and Ms. Hong Chen Jin pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and there are no other matters relating to the appointment of Mr. Mauricio Sartorius and Ms. Hong Chen Jin that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Company believes that Mr. Mauricio Sartorius's extensive management experience in the telecommunications industry will be of great benefit to the Company. The appointment of Mr. Mauricio Sartorius will also enhance the co-operation between the Company and Telefónica Group. The Company takes this opportunity to welcome Mr. Mauricio Sartorius as a member of the Board and Ms. Hong Chen Jin as alternate director to Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete and Mr. Mauricio Sartorius.

By Order of the Board
CHINA NETCOM GROUP CORPORATION (HONG KONG) LIMITED
Zhang Chunjiang
Chairman

Hong Kong, 19 December 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Zhang Chunjiang, Mr. Zuo Xunsheng, Mr. Zhang Xiaotie and Mr. Miao Jianhua as executive directors, Dr. Tian Suning, Ms. Li Liming, Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete, Mr. Yan Yixun and Mr. Mauricio Sartorius as non-executive directors, and Mr. John Lawson Thornton, Mr. Victor Cha Mou Zing, Dr. Qian Yingyi, Mr. Hou Ziqiang and Mr. Timpson Chung Shui Ming as independent non-executive directors.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.