



## 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

#### RE-DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**Company**”) announces that Mr. Zuo Xunsheng has been re-designated as the Chairman of the Company with effect from 25 May 2008. Mr. Zuo Xunsheng is currently an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and he will continue to hold such positions after the re-designation.

Mr. Zuo Xunsheng, 57, has been serving as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 2006. Before that, Mr. Zuo Xunsheng has served as Chief Operating Officer of the Company from December 2005 to May 2006. Mr. Zuo has served as Senior Vice President since July 2004. He has served as Vice President of China Network Communications Group Corporation since April 2002. Mr. Zuo has also served as Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of PCCW Limited (listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited with its American Depositary Receipt trading on the Pink Sheets’ OTC Markets in the United States) since July 2007. Before joining China Network Communications Group Corporation, Mr. Zuo was President of the former Shandong Telecommunications Company from May 2000 to April 2002. From October 1997 to May 2000, Mr. Zuo has served as Director of the former Posts and Telecommunications Bureau of Shandong Province. From July 1993 to October 1997, Mr. Zuo has served as Director of the former Bureau of Telecommunications of Jinan City. Mr. Zuo graduated from Guanghua School of Management of Peking University with an EMBA degree in 2004.

The service contract of Mr. Zuo Xunsheng does not provide for a specified length of services and he will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company at least every three years. Mr. Zuo Xunsheng is not entitled to any director’s fee. Mr. Zuo Xunsheng is entitled to an annual base salary of RMB 300,000 plus a discretionary bonus as may be determined by the Board. As at the date hereof, Mr. Zuo Xunsheng currently holds 455,500 share options in the Company. Save for such share options, Mr. Zuo Xunsheng 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, Mr. Zuo Xunsheng is not connected with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and 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. Zuo Xunsheng 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. Zuo Xunsheng that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

By Order of the Board  
**China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited**  
**Huo Haifeng                      Mok Kam Wan**  
*Joint Company Secretaries*

Hong Kong, 26 May 2008

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Zuo Xunsheng, Ms. Li Jianguo and Mr. Li Fushen as executive directors, Mr. Yan Yixun, Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel and Mr. José María Álvarez-Pallete as non-executive directors and Mr. John Lawson Thornton, Dr. Qian Yingyi, Mr. Hou Ziqiang and Mr. Timpson Chung Shui Ming as independent non-executive directors.*