



**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)*

(Stock Code: 0906)

**OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is published pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

As China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**Company**”) has published the “Depositary’s Notice of Court Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited” in relation to the scheme of arrangement of the Company on the website of the New York Stock Exchange, the full text of the document is set out below for information purpose only.

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

Hong Kong, 15 August 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.*

## **Depository's Notice of Court Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited**

<b>ADSs:</b>	American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs").
<b>ADS CUSIP No.:</b>	16940Q101.
<b>ADS Record Date:</b>	August 14, 2008.
<b>Meeting Specifics:</b>	Court Meeting - September 17, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. (local time) at The Ballroom, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong. Extraordinary General Meeting - September 17, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. (local time) (or as soon thereafter as the Court Meeting of the Company to be held at 4:00 P.M. on the same date and at the same place shall have been concluded or adjourned).
<b>Meeting Agendas:</b>	Please refer to the Company's Notice of Court Meeting and Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting enclosed herewith.
<b>ADS Voting Instruction Deadline:</b>	On or before 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on September 10, 2008.
<b>Deposited Securities:</b>	Ordinary shares, par value U.S. \$0.04 per share, of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong (the "Company").
<b>ADS Ratio:</b>	20 ordinary shares to 1 ADS.
<b>Depository:</b>	Citibank, N.A.
<b>Custodian of Deposited Securities:</b>	Citibank, N.A. - Hong Kong Office.
<b>Deposit Agreement:</b>	Deposit Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2004, by and among the Company, the Depository and all Holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of ADRs, evidencing ADSs, issued thereunder.

To be counted, your Voting Instructions need to be received by the Depository prior to 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on **September 10, 2008**.

**Note that if you do not timely return the Voting Instructions to the Depository, the Deposited Securities represented by your ADSs may nevertheless be voted upon the terms set forth in the Deposit Agreement.**

The Company has announced that a Court Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meetings”) will be held at the date, times and location identified above. **A copy of the Notices of Meetings from the Company which include the agenda for such Meetings are enclosed.\***

Holders of ADSs wishing to give voting instructions to the Depository must sign, complete and return the enclosed Voting Instructions prior to the ADS Voting Instruction Deadline in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

Upon timely receipt of signed and completed Voting Instructions from a Holder of ADSs, the Depository shall endeavor, insofar as practicable and permitted under applicable law and the provisions of the Deposit Agreement to vote, or cause the Custodian to vote (by means of the appointment of a proxy or otherwise) the Deposited Securities in respect of which Voting Instructions have been received in accordance with the instructions contained therein and the provisions in the Deposit Agreement.

*Please note that pursuant to Section 4.10 of the Deposit Agreement, the Depository (or the Custodian) may vote either on a show of hands, in which case, the Depository shall vote or shall instruct the Custodian to vote in accordance with instructions received from a majority of Holders giving instructions, or on a poll, in which case the Depository shall vote or cause the Custodian to vote in accordance with the instructions as received from the Holders giving instructions.*

*Please further note that, as set forth in Section 4.10 of the Deposit Agreement, under the Articles of Association of the Company (as in effect on the date thereof), a poll may be demanded at any meeting by (i) the chairman of the meeting, (ii) at least three shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting, (iii) a shareholder or shareholders present in person or by proxy (1) who represent in the aggregate not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all shareholders having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, or (2) who hold shares of the Company conferring the right to attend and vote at the meeting on which there have been sums in the aggregate equal to not less than 10% of the total sum paid up on all shares of the Company conferring that right. The Depository will not join in demanding a poll, whether or not requested to do so by Holders of the ADSs.*

*Please also note that, in accordance with and subject to the terms of Section 4.10 of the Deposit Agreement, if the Depository shall not have received the Voting Instructions from an ADR Holder on or prior to the ADS Voting Instructions Deadline, such Holder shall be deemed and the Depository shall deem such Holder to have instructed the Depository to provide a discretionary proxy to a person designated by the Company for the purpose of exercising the voting rights pertaining to the Deposited Securities represented by such Holder's ADSs; provided, however, that no such discretionary proxy will be given by the Depository with respect to a particular item in the event that the vote is on a show of hands or as otherwise set forth in Section 4.10 of the Deposit Agreement.*

*Voting instructions may be given only in respect of a number of ADSs representing an integral number of Deposited Securities.*

*In addition, please note that the Depository shall, if so requested in writing by the Company, represent all Deposited Securities for the sole purpose of establishing a quorum at the Meeting.*

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\* As set forth in the Deposit Agreement, Holders of record of ADRs as of the close of business on the ADS Record Date, will be entitled, subject to any applicable law, the provisions of the Deposit Agreement, the Articles of Association of the Company, and the provisions of or governing the Deposited Securities, to instruct the Depository as to the exercise of the voting rights, if any, pertaining to the Deposited Securities represented by such Holders' ADSs.

**Important Notice Regarding the Meetings and Court Hearing: Holders of ADSs cannot vote at the Meetings directly, and are not entitled to be present in person or represented by counsel at the court hearing to support or oppose the petition to approve the scheme of arrangement described in the enclosed Scheme Document. If you wish to vote and participate at the Meetings directly, and/or be entitled to be present in person or represented by counsel at such court hearing, you must surrender your ADSs and withdraw the ordinary shares of the Company represented by your ADSs in accordance with the terms of the Deposit Agreement so that you become a holder of ordinary shares of the Company, as described in more detail in the section headed “Actions To Be Taken by Netcom ADS Holders” on pages i and ii of the enclosed Scheme Document. If you submit the Voting Instructions to the Depository that you do not change and subsequently withdraw the ordinary shares of the Company underlying your ADSs, you will not be able to vote such underlying ordinary shares at the Meetings.**

The information contained herein with respect to the Meetings has been provided by the Company. Citibank, N.A. is forwarding this information to you solely as Depository and in accordance with the terms of the Deposit Agreement and disclaims any responsibility with respect to the accuracy of such information. Citibank, N.A. does not, and should not be deemed to, express any opinion with respect to the proposals to be considered at the Meetings. The rights and obligations of Holders and Beneficial Owners of ADSs, the Company and the Depository are set forth in its entirety in the Deposit Agreement and summarized in the ADRs. If you wish to receive a copy of the Deposit Agreement, please contact the Depository at the number set forth below.

*If you have any questions about the way in which Voting Instructions may be delivered to the Depository, please contact Citibank, N.A. - ADR Shareholder Services at 1-877-CITI-ADR (1-877-248-4237).*

Citibank, N.A., as Depository