



CHINA UNICOM LIMITED

中國聯通股份有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0762)

15 August 2008

Dear Shareholder,

Circular for (1) Very Substantial Acquisition Relating to the Proposed Merger of China Unicom Limited and China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited by way of a Scheme of Arrangement of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited under Section 166 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance; (2) Mandate to Issue China Unicom Limited Shares; (3) Adoption of Special Purpose Unicom Share Option Scheme; (4) New Continuing Connected Transactions; (5) Proposed Amendment to Articles of Association; and (6) Proposed Change of Company Name

We write to inform you that China Unicom Limited (the “**Company**”) has published a circular entitled “(1) Very Substantial Acquisition Relating to the Proposed Merger of China Unicom Limited and China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited by way of a Scheme of Arrangement of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited under Section 166 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance; (2) Mandate to Issue China Unicom Limited Shares; (3) Adoption of Special Purpose Unicom Share Option Scheme; (4) New Continuing Connected Transactions; (5) Proposed Amendment to Articles of Association; and (6) Proposed Change of Company Name” on 15 August 2008 (the “**VSA Circular**”).

Furthermore, we write to remind you that the Company published a circular entitled “Major Transaction and Connected Transaction (1) Disposal of the CDMA Business by Unicom to Telecom (2) Waiver of the CDMA Network Purchase Option and Termination of the Unicom CDMA Lease” on 1 August 2008 (the “**CDMA Transaction Circular**”).

The VSA Circular and the CDMA Transaction Circular relate to two extraordinary general meetings to be held on the same date on Tuesday, 16 September 2008 at The Island Ballroom B, Level 5, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong. Details of the two extraordinary general meetings are set out in the respective notice of extraordinary general meeting in the two circulars.

The VSA Circular and the CDMA Transaction Circular are available in printed versions in both Chinese language and English language, as well as in electronic versions in both Chinese language and English language which are available for download at the Company’s website at www.chinaunicom.com.hk and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange’s website at www.hkexnews.hk.

Please be reminded that you are entitled at any time by writing to the Company’s Registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited at Rooms 1806-7, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, to receive a printed copy of the VSA Circular and the CDMA Transaction Circular.

If you have any queries about how to obtain printed copies, or about how to access the Corporate Communications on the Company’s website, please call the Company’s hotline at (852) 2126 2018.

Yours faithfully,
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