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CHINA UNICOM LIMITED

中國聯通股份有限公司

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

**(Stock Code: 0762)**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR TO UNICOM SHAREHOLDERS

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**As there are conditions to be satisfied before Unicom and Telecom will proceed with the CDMA Business Disposal (as set out in the Announcement), holders of Unicom Shares, Unicom ADSs and investors generally should exercise caution when dealing in Unicom Shares or Unicom ADSs.**

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Unicom refers to the announcement issued by it on 2 June 2008 regarding the proposed disposal of the CDMA Business by Unicom to Telecom and the possible waiver of the CDMA Network Purchase Option and the termination of the Unicom CDMA Lease by CUCL (the *Announcement*). Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

## 2. DELAY IN DESPATCH OF THE CIRCULAR

Pursuant to Rules 14.38 and 14A.49 of the Listing Rules, Unicom is required to despatch a circular containing, amongst others, details of the terms of the CDMA Business Disposal, the waiver of the CDMA Network Purchase Option and the termination of the Unicom CDMA Lease (the *Circular*) to the Unicom Shareholders within 21 days after the publication of the Announcement, which is on or before 23 June 2008.

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By order of the board of  
**China Unicom Limited**  
**Mr. Chang Xiaobing**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 23 June 2008

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of Unicom comprises Mr. Chang Xiaobing, Mr. Tong Jilu, Mr. Li Gang and Mr. Zhang Junan as executive directors, Mr. Lu Jianguo and Mr. Lee Suk Kwan as non-executive directors and Mr. Wu Jinglian, Mr. Shan Weijian, Mr. Cheung Wing Lam, Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming as independent non-executive directors.*