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## Major Events

### 1st Quarter

#### FEB

On 25 February 2004, China Unicom Corporation Limited, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a three year US\$500 million syndicated loan agreement with 12 foreign-invested banks registered in the PRC, led by Citibank N.A. Beijing Branch.

#### MAR

In March 2004, Unicom Group and Intel Corporation entered into MOU for "the Development of the Integrated System and Joint Marketing Efforts of Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Pentium Processor Technologies". Both parties confirmed to strengthen their cooperation in this area.

On 29 March and 2 April 2004, Unicom Group entered into the new interconnection and settlement agreement with China Telecom and China Netcom respectively.

### 2nd Quarter

#### APR

In April 2004, "the CDMA R-UIM technology for the CDMA cellular communication network", the first technology invention patent of the Unicom Group, was granted approval by the State Intellectual Properties Bureau.

On 8 April 2004, UNISK (Beijing) Information Technology Co Ltd, a joint venture invested by Unicom Group and SK Telecom was established. The launch of "U-Tribe" operation was also announced at the same time.

#### MAY

On 5 May 2004, total number of cellular subscribers for Unicom Group exceeded 100 million.

In between 15-25 May 2004, Unicom Group entered into memorandums of understanding with TATA Teleservice of India, and INDOSAT, an Indonesian cellular operator respectively, which aimed to strengthen the cooperation in CDMA operation.

#### JUN

In between 1-2 June 2004, Unicom Group launched a SMS donation campaign for the Special Olympics together with the Organising Committee of the Special Olympics and SOHU.

### 3rd Quarter

#### JUL

On 19 July 2004, Unicom Group celebrated its tenth anniversary.

On 20 July 2004, China United Telecommunications Corporation Limited ("A Share Company") successfully raised RMB4.5 billion, with the proceeds raised from the rights issue of shares being the greatest in the history of the A Share market in the PRC.

#### AUG

On 5 August 2004, China Unicom officially launched its GSM-CDMA dual mode cellular operation with "Worldwind" as its brand, which realized bona fide international roaming services on a global basis with only one handset on hand.

#### SEP

On 21 September 2004, Unicom Group entered into Wireless Internet Joint Marketing Agreement with Intel, HP, IBM, Lenovo and Digital China, which would develop the industry chain for "U-Net" based on the CDMA 1X network.

In September 2004, China Unicom officially completed its acquisition of China Unicom International Limited, the wholly-owned subsidiary of its parent, Unicom Group.

### 4th Quarter

#### OCT

On 22 October 2004, the board of the GSM Association ("GSMA") re-elected its members. China Unicom ranked third in the world in terms of subscriber numbers. Mr. Lu Jianguo, the Vice President of China Unicom Corporation Limited, was elected as a member of the board of the GSMA.

#### NOV

On 5 November 2004, Mr. Shang Bing was formally appointed as the Executive Director and President of China Unicom.

On 8 November 2004, the Company submitted its tender for the CDMA licence of Macau to the Government of Macau Special Administrative Region.

#### DEC

On 21 December 2004, Mr. Chang Xiaobing was formally appointed as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of China Unicom.

On 21 December 2004, Unicom Group and the China Construction Bank launched the first telecom credit card – "China Unicom Dragon Card" in the PRC, which is a co-branding credit card with features of financial spending and telecommunication services.