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SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 315)

Announcement in relation to public float

<p>The Company wishes to announce that as at the date of this announcement, the percentage of the Shares held in public hands is 24.82 per cent., which is below 25 per cent. as required under Listing Rule 8.08.</p>
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This announcement is made at the request of the Stock Exchange.

The Company wishes to announce that on 12 March 2009, it received a disclosure of interest form from Marathon notifying the increase in its interest in the Company from 59,214,349 Shares (representing 10.99 per cent. of the Company's total issued share capital at that time and, following subsequent (but unrelated) share repurchases by the Company, 11.01 per cent. as at the date of this announcement) to 59,464,349 Shares (representing 11.04 per cent. of the Company's total issued share capital at that time and, following subsequent (but unrelated) share repurchases by the Company, 11.06 per cent. as at the date of this announcement) (the "**Marathon Shares**"). Marathon is a substantial shareholder and a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Therefore, for the purposes of Listing Rules 8.08 and 8.24, the Marathon Shares will not be considered to be held by the public.

As at 12 March 2009, SHKP was interested in 344,806,397 Shares in the Company (representing 64.00 per cent. of the Company's total issued share capital at that time and, following subsequent (but unrelated) share repurchases by the Company, 64.12 per cent. as at the date of this announcement) (the "**SHKP Shares**"). SHKP is a connected person and the controlling shareholder of the Company.

On 12 March 2009, the Marathon Shares and the SHKP Shares together represented 75.04 per cent. of the Company's total issued share capital. Accordingly, the percentage of the Shares held in public hands immediately after Marathon's acquisition on 12 March 2009 fell from 25.01 per cent. to 24.96 per cent. This is marginally less than the minimum percentage required to be in public hands under Listing Rule 8.08. As at the date of this announcement, the Marathon Shares and the SHKP Shares together represent 75.18 per cent. of the Company's total issued share capital and the percentage of the Shares held in public hands is 24.82 per cent.

As a result, the Company does not currently fulfil the requirement under Listing Rule 8.08 of having at least 25% of its total issued share capital held by the public.

As at the date of this announcement, the shareholdings in the Company as recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) is set out below.

Shareholder	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of shareholding
SHKP	344,806,397	64.12%
Marathon	59,464,349	11.06%
Other shareholders	133,466,682	24.82%
Total	537,737,428	100.00%

The Company will continue to monitor the level of public float of the Shares very closely and will consider steps to restore the public float of the Company to at least 25 per cent. of the total issued share capital of the Company. A further announcement will be made on the restoration of the public float as and when appropriate.

Definitions

Terms used in this announcement have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Marathon”	Marathon Asset Management
“Share(s)”	share of HK\$0.10 each in the issued share capital of the Company
“SHKP”	Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By order of the Board
SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited
Alvin Yau-hing Mak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 14 May 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr Douglas Li and Mr Patrick Kai-lung Chan; Non-Executive Directors are Mr Raymond Ping-luen Kwok, Mr Michael Yick-kam Wong, Mr Wing-yui Cheung, Mr David Norman Prince, Mr Wing-chung Yung and Mr Thomas Hon-wah Siu; Independent Non-Executive Directors are Dr Eric Ka-cheung Li, JP, Mr Leung-sing Ng JP, Mr Xiang-dong Yang, Mr Eric Fock-kin Gan and Mr Peter David Sullivan.