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China Telecom Corporation Limited

中国电信股份有限公司

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 728)

CHINA TELECOM TO OFFER iPhone 4S IN CHINA ON MARCH 9

This announcement is made by China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”, or “China Telecom”) pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”).

The board of directors of the Company (the “Board”) is pleased to announce that China Telecom will offer iPhone 4S to customers in China beginning 9 March 2012 and online reservations will be available beginning 2 March. Following the launch of iPhone 4S, China Telecom will make an appropriate increase in marketing initiatives for the profitable scale development of its mobile services, which is expected to significantly enhance its long term sustainable growth and value creation despite the short term pressure on its profitability.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Beijing, PRC, 21 February 2012

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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As of the date of this announcement, the Board of directors of the Company consists of Mr. Wang Xiaochu as the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Yang Jie as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Zhang Chenshuang, Mr. Yang Xiaowei and Mr. Sun Kangmin as the executive vice presidents, Mr. Li Jinming as the non-executive director, and Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Qin Xiao, Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming as the independent non-executive directors.