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By /s/ Miao Jianhua

By /s/ Mok Kam Wan

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Title: Joint Company Secretaries

Date: April 29, 2006

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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME
AND
THE TERMS OF THE OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER

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THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME

A notice convening an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held in The Ballroom, Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong, on 16 May 2006 at 12:00 noon (or as soon thereafter as the annual general meeting of the Company convened to be held at 11:00 a.m. at the same place and date shall have been concluded or adjourned), is set out at the end of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the extraordinary general meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's registered office at Room 6701, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, as soon as practicable and in any event at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the extraordinary general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the extraordinary general meeting or at any adjourned meeting should you so wish.

29 April 2006

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DEFINITIONS

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited ([GRAPHIC OMITTED]), a company incorporated in Hong Kong whose Shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and whose American depository shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
"Compensation Committee"	a committee established by the Board, with primary duties to formulate remuneration policies and is responsible for dealing with all matters relating to the Share Option Scheme as authorised by the Board

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"County Branch Companies"	the branch companies of the Provincial Companies located in various counties
"Directors"	the directors of the Company
"Effective Options"	Options granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme, irrespective of whether such Options are exercisable in accordance with the relevant Vesting Schedule
"Eligible Participants"	directors, chief executives or Middle-to-Senior Management or Specialised Professionals of the Company or its subsidiaries who are determined by the Board or the Compensation Committee according to the Share Option Scheme to have made substantial contribution
"Extraordinary General Meeting"	the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be convened on 16 May 2006, notice of which is set out at the end of this circular, or any adjournment thereof
"Group"	the Company and its existing subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Hong Kong Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Middle-to-Senior Management"	general manager or management staff with equivalent rank or above at various Provincial Companies or County Branch Companies of the Company
"Option(s)"	option(s) which have been granted under the Share Option Scheme
"Options Effective Date"	the Options Grant Date or the date on which the Shares are listed and trading commences on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, whichever is later
"Options Effective Term"	the period commencing from the Options Effective Date to the date on which Options lapse in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme
"Options Grant Date"	the date on which Options are granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme
"Options Restricted Period"	the period commencing from the Options Effective Date to the date on which Options can be exercised, during which Options Restricted Period, Options cannot be exercised

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"Provincial Companies"	the subsidiaries or branch companies of the Company located in various provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities of the People's Republic of China
"Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme of the Company approved and adopted by a resolution of the Shareholders passed on 30 September 2004
"Share(s) "	ordinary shares in the Company's issued share capital with a par value of US\$0.04 per share, which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
"Shareholders"	holders of Shares
"Specialised Professionals"	professionals or management staff or technical or marketing staff holding important positions of the Company or its subsidiaries who are important to the development of the Company's business. The Compensation Committee has the right to interpret "Specialised Professionals" and identify them
"State Council"	the State Council of the People's Republic of China [GRAPHIC OMITTED]
"US dollars" or "US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America
"Vesting Schedule"	the arrangement whereby Options granted at a particular time can be exercised in one lot or in batches in accordance with a pre-determined timetable

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To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME
AND
THE TERMS OF THE OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER
THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with details relating to the proposed amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme and the terms of the Options granted, and to seek your approval of the ordinary resolutions set out in the Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting at the end of this circular.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND THE TERMS OF THE OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Reasons for amending the rules of the Share Option Scheme

Since the Company's listing, the Company has carefully reviewed and refined its remuneration policy. With the assistance of an outside strategic consultant, the Company formulated certain changes to the rules of the Share Option Scheme so that the benefits to the grantees under the Share Option Scheme are closely aligned with the performance of the Company and the individual grantees. The Company also proposes certain changes to the provisions relating to the exercise of options upon termination of employment. The changes are proposed in order to reduce the administrative burden on the Company to monitor outstanding Options for grantees whose employment has been terminated.

According to Note (2) to Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules, any alterations to the terms and conditions of a share option scheme of a listed issuer which are of a material nature or any change to the terms of options granted must be approved by the shareholders of the listed issuer. As certain amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme are material and the terms of Options granted are proposed to be amended, approval of Shareholders is required.

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Proposed amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme requiring approval of Shareholders

The proposed amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme requiring the approval of Shareholders are summarised as follows:

(a) Eligible Participants

Existing provisions

The Eligible Participants of the Share Option Scheme include the members of the Board (including executive Directors and non-executive Directors), Middle-to-Senior Management and Specialised Professionals identified by the Compensation Committee.

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(b) Exercise of Options and Vesting Schedules

Existing provisions

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- (i) The initial exercise of the Options which are granted prior to the listing of the Company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is subject to an Options Restricted Period of 1.5 years and such Options shall only be exercised in batches in accordance with the Vesting Schedule below. The maximum number of Options that can be exercised at each tier shall not exceed the limits set out below:
- 40% of the Options granted may be exercised 18 months after the Options Effective Date;
 - another 30% of the Options granted may be exercised 30 months after the Options Effective Date; and
 - the remaining 30% of the Options granted may be exercised 42 months after the

Proposed amendments

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- 40% of the Options gr 18 months after the Op (the "First Tier");
 - another 20% of the O exercised 30 months Effective Date (the "S

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Options Effective Date.

- (ii) The initial exercise of the Options which are granted after the listing of the Company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is subject to an Options Restricted Period of 2 years and such Options shall only be exercised in batches in accordance with the Vesting Schedule below. The maximum number of Options that can be exercised at each tier shall not exceed the limits set out below:
- 40% of the Options granted may be exercised 24 months after the Options Effective Date;
 - another 30% of the Options granted may be exercised 36 months after the Options Effective Date; and
 - the remaining 30% of the Options granted may be exercised 48 months after the Options Effective Date.
- another 20% of the Options granted may be exercised 42 months after the Options Effective Date (the "Second Tier");
- the remaining 20% of the Options granted may be exercised 48 months after the Options Effective Date (the "Third Tier").
- (ii) The initial exercise of the Options which are granted after the listing of the Company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is subject to an Options Restricted Period of 2 years and such Options shall only be exercised in accordance with the Vesting Schedule below. The maximum number of Options that can be exercised at each tier shall not exceed the limits set out below:
- 40% of the Options granted may be exercised 24 months after the Options Effective Date (the "First Tier");
 - another 20% of the Options granted may be exercised 36 months after the Options Effective Date (the "Second Tier");
 - another 20% of the Options granted may be exercised 48 months after the Options Effective Date (the "Third Tier");
 - the remaining 20% of the Options granted may be exercised 48 months after the Options Effective Date (the "Fourth Tier").
- (iii) The grantee is required to exercise the Options through the internal process approved by the Company.

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(c) Rights upon cessation of employment

Existing provisions

- (1) If the grantee of an Option ceases to be an employee because of misconduct or criminal conviction, and as a result ceases to be an Eligible Participant under the Share Option Scheme, all the Effective Options not yet exercised shall lapse on the date of cessation of his employment and such Options shall in no circumstances be exercisable.
- (2) If the grantee of an Option resigns, all the Effective Options not yet exercised shall

Proposed amendments

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- (2) If the grantee of an Option resigns, all the Effective Options not yet exercised shall be exercised internally to China Network C

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lapse on the date of cessation of his employment.

(3) If the grantee of an Option ceases to be an employee for any reason other than death, loss of capacity or the reasons as referred to under (1) or (2) above, and thus as a result ceases to be an Eligible Participant under the Share Option Scheme, the grantee may, at any time within 12 months of the date of the cessation of his employment, exercise the Effective Options granted to him but not yet exercised as at the date of the cessation of his employment. Any Options which are not yet exercised upon expiry of such period shall lapse automatically.

Corporation and its controller shall be entitled to exercise the Options in accordance with the Vesting Schedule. If the grantee of an Option is not an employee of the Company with the Company's consent (other than (2) above), the grantee may, at any time within 90 days of the date of his employment, exercise the Options which are exercisable as at the date of cessation of his employment as well as the Options which are exercisable at the date of his employment following the date of cessation of his employment. Any such Options which are not exercised within the 90-day period shall lapse automatically.

(4) If the grantee of an Option is not an employee of the Company, he may, at any time within 90 days of his retirement, exercise the Effective Options which are not yet exercised. Any such Options which are not exercised within the 90-day period shall lapse automatically.

(5) If the grantee of an Option is not an employee for any reason other than death, loss of capacity or the reasons as referred to under (2), (3) or (4) above and he ceases to be an Eligible Participant under the Scheme by resignation, and thus as a result ceases to be an Eligible Participant under the Scheme, all of his Effective Options shall lapse on the date of his cessation of employment.

Where the employment of a grantee ceases or the grantee retires or has retired, and the proposed amendments being approved at the next general meeting, the date of cessation of his employment or retirement will be deemed to be the date of the proposed amendments are approved at the next general meeting.

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(d) Right upon death

Existing provisions

 If the grantee of an Option dies and provided that there

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 If the grantee of an Option

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is no misconduct or criminal conviction on the part of the grantee, the grantee's personal representative may, at any time during the period commencing from the date of the grantee's death to the date of expiry of the Options Effective Term, exercise the Effective Options granted to such grantee but not yet exercised as at the date of the grantee's death. Any Options which are not yet exercised upon expiry of such period shall lapse automatically.

there is no misconduct or criminal conviction on the part of the grantee, Effecti (not yet exercised) shall be included in the grantee's estate, the grantee's personal representative or any other authorised persons shall exercise the Effective Options within 90 days. Any Options which are not yet exercised within the 90-day period shall lapse automatically. Where the grantee dies or becomes incapacitated, any proposed amendments being a general meeting, his death occurred on the day on which the amendments are approved by a general meeting.

(e) Rights upon loss of capacity

Existing provisions

The grantee of an Option may, at any time during the period commencing from the date of his loss of capacity to the date of expiry of the Options Effective Term, exercise the Effective Options granted to him but not yet exercised as at the date of his loss of capacity. Any Options which are not yet exercised upon expiry of such period shall lapse automatically.

Proposed amendments

The guardian of the grantee or any other authorised persons may, at any time during the period within 90 days of the grantee's loss of capacity of such grantee, exercise the Effective Options granted to such grantee as at the date of his loss of capacity. Any Options which are not yet exercised within the 90-day period shall lapse automatically. Where the loss of capacity occurs, any proposed amendments shall be placed prior to these proposals and shall be approved by Shareholders at a general meeting. If a loss of capacity will be determined on the day on which these proposals are approved by Shareholders at a general meeting.

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(f) Performance Targets

Existing provisions

The grantee does not have to meet any performance target prior to the exercise of the Options unless otherwise stipulated by the Board and such performance target has already been stated in the agreement granting the Options.

Proposed amendments

The exercise of a portion of the Options by employees of the Company shall be subject to the management and directors of the Company at each tier pursuant to the performance targets (the "Adjustable Options") for the results of the performance of the Company in respect of the year immediately following the commencement of the relevant period against the Company's performance targets.

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(h) Amendments to Share Option Scheme

Existing provisions

The Board may amend any of the provisions of the Share Option Scheme and the terms of the Options (including amendments in order to comply with changes in legal or regulatory requirements) at any time (but not so as to prejudice the rights of the grantees of Options).

Proposed amendments

The Board may amend any of the Share Option Scheme and the terms of the Options (including amendments in order to comply with changes in legal or regulatory requirements) at any time (but not so as to prejudice the rights of the grantees of Options).

Terms of Options Granted

The Company has granted Options under the Share Option Scheme prior its listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and on 6 December 2005. The Options were granted on the existing terms of the Share Option Scheme. Upon the amendments to rules of the Share Option Scheme taking effect, the terms of the Options granted will also change to reflect the amended rules of the Share Option Scheme.

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GENERAL

The amended rules of the Share Option Scheme and the resulting amendments to the terms of the Options granted, if approved by the Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting, will take effect from the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

The amended rules of the Share Option Scheme are in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules and the guidance regarding adjustments of the exercise price and the number of securities subject to Options granted, as set out in the letter dated 5 September 2005 from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to all listed issuers.

Copy of the existing rules of the Share Option Scheme and the proposed Share Option Scheme as amended are available for inspection at Linklaters, 10th Floor, Alexandra House, Chater Road, Hong Kong during normal business hours on any business day from the date of this circular up to and including the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting and at the Extraordinary General Meeting if any Shareholder is interested in the details of the changes mentioned in this circular and other minor amendments proposed to be made to the rules of the Share Option Scheme by the Board within its power.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

A notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in The Ballroom,

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Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong on 16 May 2006 at 12:00 noon (or as soon thereafter as the annual general meeting of the Company convened to be held at 11:00 a.m. at the same place and date shall have been concluded or adjourned), is set out at the end of this circular. At the Extraordinary General Meeting, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to approve the amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme and the amendments to the terms of the Options granted.

A form of proxy for use at the Extraordinary General Meeting is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's registered office at Room 6701, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, as soon as practicable and in any event at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Extraordinary General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should he so wishes.

PROCEDURES FOR DEMANDING A POLL AT THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

According to article 70 of the articles of association of the Company, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded by:

- (a) the chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) at least three Shareholders present in person (or in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting; or
- (c) any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person (or in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and representing in the aggregate not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Shareholders having the right to attend and vote at the meeting; or
- (d) any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person (or in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and holding shares conferring a right to attend and vote at the meeting on which there have been paid up sums in the aggregate equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

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A poll shall be taken at such time (being not later than thirty days after the date of the demand) and in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) as the chairman of the Extraordinary General Meeting may appoint. On a poll, every Shareholder present at the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be entitled to one vote for every fully paid-up Share of which he is the holder. The result of such poll shall be deemed for all purposes to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was so directed or demanded.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Board considers that the amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme and the terms of the Options granted are in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the ordinary resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting to approve the amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme and the terms of the Options granted, as detailed in the notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting set out at the end of this circular.

By Order of the Board
China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited
Zhang Chunjiang
Chairman

NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

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NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company") will be held at 12:00 noon (or as soon thereafter as the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened at 11:00 a.m. at the same place and date shall have been concluded or adjourned) on 16 May 2006, in The Ballroom, Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing, with or without modifications, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

Ordinary Resolutions

1. "THAT the amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme of the Company (the "Share Option Scheme") referred to in the circular to shareholders of the Company dated 29 April 2006 (the "Circular") and contained in the amended Share Option Scheme, a copy of which is available for inspection as detailed in the Circular and produced to this meeting and for the purposes of identification initialled by the chairman of this meeting, be approved, subject to such modifications of those amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme as the directors of the Company may consider necessary to take into account the requirements of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and that the directors of the Company be authorised to adopt the amendments to the rules of the Share Option Scheme and do all acts and things necessary to carry such amendments and modifications (if any) into effect."

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2. "THAT the amendments to the terms of options granted under the Share Option Scheme referred to in the Circular be approved, subject to such modifications of those amendments to the terms of options granted under the Share Option Scheme as the directors of the Company may consider necessary to take into account the requirements of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and that the directors of the Company be authorised to adopt the amendments to the terms of options granted under the Share Option Scheme and do all acts and things necessary to carry such amendments and modifications (if any) into effect."

By Order of the Board
Miao Jianhua Mok Kam Wan
Joint Company Secretaries

Hong Kong, 29 April 2006

NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Registered office
Room 6701, The Center
99 Queen's Road Central
Hong Kong

Notes:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with any power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power of authority, must be deposited at the Company's registered office at Room 6701, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Extraordinary General Meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or at any adjourned meeting should a member so wish.

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Form of proxy for the Extraordinary General Meeting
to be held on 16 May 2006

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authorised in writing or, in the case of a corporation, must be either executed under its common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney or other person duly authorised to sign the same.

6. In the case of joint holders of any shares, any one of such joint holders may vote at the Meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he were solely entitled thereto. However, if more than one of such joint holders is present at the Meeting, either personally or by proxy, the vote of the joint holder whose name stands first in the Register of Members and who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holder(s).
7. To be valid, this form of proxy together with the power of attorney (if any) or other authority under which it is signed (if any) or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the registered office of the Company at Room 6701, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be).
8. The proxy need not be a member of the Company but must attend the Meeting in person to represent you.
9. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Meeting if you so wish. In such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.