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## CHINA MOBILE LIMITED RELEASES 2014 INTERIM RESULTS STABLE OPERATION RESULTS REMARKABLE INITIAL 4G DEVELOPMENT

- Operating revenue was RMB324.7 billion, up 7.1%, of which, revenue from telecommunications services was RMB297.9 billion, up 4.7%
- EBITDA was RMB118.3 billion, down 4.4%
- Profit attributable to equity shareholders was RMB57.7 billion, down 8.5%
- Total customers exceeded 790 million, up 6.8%
- Payment of an interim dividend of HK\$1.540 per share. The Company's planned dividend payout ratio for the full year of 2014 is 43%

China Mobile Limited (the "**Company**" or the "**Group**") (HKEx : 941)(NYSE : CHL) releases its 2014 interim results today.

In the first six months of 2014, having aligned with the development trends of mobile Internet and proactively responded to challenges arising from various factors including the increasingly saturated traditional telecommunications market, fierce competition within the industry, the aggravated substitution effect of Over the Top (OTT) products and the adjustments of the relevant government policies, the Group accelerated strategic transformation, intensified reform and innovation, firmly seized the opportunities for 4G development, endeavored to enhance its capabilities in network, marketing, management and human resources, vigorously promoted its operations of existing customers and business, data traffic and corporate customer services, and enhanced business innovation in digital services. As a result, the Company achieved favorable results in its development. In the first six months of 2014, the initial 4G development has been remarkable with 4G network capabilities being rapidly built up, leading to a rapid growth momentum of 4G customer scale. During the same period, the Company also maintained a solid customer base and continued the rapid development of data traffic services, and achieved stable operation results.

In the first half of 2014, the Group's operating revenue maintained stable growth and reached RMB324.7 billion, up 7.1% over the same period last year, of which, revenue from telecommunications services was RMB297.9 billion, up 4.7% over the same period last year. Data business had a positive growth momentum with revenue of RMB121.9 billion, up 27.8% over the same period last year, and as a percentage of revenue from telecommunications services increased to 40.9%, of which, revenue from wireless data traffic reached RMB72.0 billion, up 51.8% over the same period last year. The revenue structure was further optimized. The Group reasonably increased its investment in the relevant resources in order to provide better support for the explosive growth in data traffic, in particular to accelerate expansion of 4G business and build up core competitiveness. Meanwhile, policy factors including the transformation from business tax to value-added tax and the adjustments of network interconnection settlement standards resulted in a decrease of profitability, however, the Group continued to lead the industry in terms of profitability. Profit attributable to equity shareholders decreased by 8.5% over the same period last year to RMB57.7 billion, and the margin of profit attributable to equity shareholders was 17.8%. EBITDA decreased by 4.4% over the same period last year to RMB118.3 billion, and EBITDA margin<sup>1</sup> was 36.4%. EBITDA was 39.7% of revenue from telecommunications services.

Amidst the complex competitive landscape, by adhering to its established strategies, the Group continuously promoted development of the three major drivers of its operations, namely, existing customers and business, data traffic and corporate customer services, as well as development of new businesses, and achieved remarkable results in its transformation development.

The Group maintained a solid customer base. As of the end of June 2014, the Group had over 790 million customers, representing a growth of 23.41 million customers compared with the end of 2013, with a stable retention of middle-to-high-end customers. The Group's corporate customer business maintained favorable growth momentum with 3.27 million corporate customers in total, while revenue from communication and informationalization services showed rapid growth.

The Group's 4G development demonstrated a favorable growth momentum. The Group is the first to launch commercial 4G services in Mainland China after receiving its license in December last year. As of the end of June 2014, the Group's 4G customers had reached 13.94 million. The Group accelerated network construction, built up network capabilities, fully respected customers' preferences for services and proactively promoted the development of 4G customers through various initiatives including optimizing data traffic tariff, providing convenient and prompt upgrade services and increasingly diversifying 4G terminals. As a result, the Group's 4G customer base showed a favorable momentum of accelerated growth.

The Group achieved notable progress in data traffic operations. Aligned with the booming increase in data traffic demand, the Group launched various tariff plans with an emphasis on data traffic and has achieved strong business growth. Mobile data traffic increased by 91.4% compared with the same period last year. Revenue from wireless data traffic increased by 51.8% compared with the same period last year, contributing to 24.2% of telecommunications services revenue. Revenue derived from data traffic became a major driver of revenue growth.

In view of the Group's operating results in the first half of 2014, and taking into consideration its long-term sustainable development, the Board declared an interim dividend of HK\$1.540 per share in accordance with the dividend payout ratio planned for the full financial year of 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA margin = EBITDA/Operating revenue

The Board believes that the Company's industry-leading profitability and healthy cash flow generating capability will be able to provide sufficient support to its future development, while providing shareholders with a favorable return.

In 2014, the Chinese government has set the general direction for steady domestic economic growth and improvement, and encourages the development of strategic emerging industry sectors and information consumption, providing the Company with a broad development prospect. The commercialization and rapid development of 4G has provided the Company with a rare opportunity to reshape its advantages. In the meantime, with the commencement of trial operations of hybrid LTE (TD/FDD) network, the communications operators have entered into a new phase of 4G competition, and market competition will become fiercer. The substitution effect on the traditional telecommunications business by OTT business will be aggravated, and the effects of adjustments in government policies on the Company will start to become evident. Accordingly, the Company will face relatively high pressure in its short-term growth.

Facing both opportunities and challenges, the Company will focus on the strategic vision of Mobile Changes Life. Amid an ever expanding digital services market, the Company will embrace the migration trend of core telecommunications revenue driver from voice to data traffic and then to digital services, proactively develop digital services based on the solid foundation of its core resources to become a trustworthy digital services expert. The Company will further accelerate its strategic transformation, deepen its Four-Network Coordination, promote full-services operation and foster mobile Internet development. The Company will strengthen its reform efforts, build up new infrastructure system, end-to-end product services system and multi products-oriented marketing services system. The Company will endeavor to accelerate 4G development, continue to optimize network construction, accelerate customer development and business innovation, and maintain and create new competitive advantages in the 4G era in order to promote the sustainable and steady development of the Company.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release may be viewed as "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual performance, financial condition or results of operations of the Company to be materially different from any future performance, financial condition or results of operations implied by such forward-looking statements. Further information regarding these risks, uncertainties and other factors is included in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and in the Company's other filings with the SEC.

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