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CHINA MOBILE LIMITED

中國移動有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 941)

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The annual cap for the transactions contemplated under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) for the year ending 31 December 2019 is set out as follow:

	For the Year Ending 31 December 2019
Network Assets Leasing Agreement – leasing fees payable by the Company to CMCC and its subsidiaries	RMB3,500 million (approximately HK\$4,043 million)

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

CMCC is the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company and hence a connected person of the Company. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company under Rule 14A.25 of the Listing Rules.

Since each of the applicable percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the annual cap for the amounts payable by the Company under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) is above 0.1% but below 5%, the transactions contemplated thereunder is classified as a continuing connected transaction under Rule 14A.76(2) of the Listing Rules and is only subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements set out in the Listing Rules but is exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules. Details of the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) will be included in the annual report and accounts of the Company in accordance with Rules 14A.49, 14A.71 and 14A.72 of the Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the announcement dated 10 August 2017 of the Company where the Company announced, among others, that the Company and CMCC agreed to renew the Network Assets Leasing Agreement according to its terms for a term of one year commencing on 1 January 2018, and the annual cap for the transactions under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement for the year ending 31 December 2018.

RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

As the Network Assets Leasing Agreement will expire on 31 December 2018 and the Group intends to continue carrying out the transactions contemplated under such agreement in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, the Board announces that on 9 August 2018, the Company and CMCC agreed to renew the Network Assets Leasing Agreement according to its terms for a term of one year commencing on 1 January 2019.

The transactions contemplated under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) involve the provision of goods and/or services which are carried out on a continuing or recurring basis in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company and constitute continuing connected transactions under the Listing Rules.

Renewal of the Network Assets Leasing Agreement

In order to better position the Group in the changing landscape of the telecommunications industry in China and to enable the Group to meet the subscribers' demand for one-stop shop telecommunications services, the Company entered into the Network Assets Leasing Agreement with CMCC on 18 August 2011, pursuant to which the Company and its subsidiaries on the one hand and CMCC and its subsidiaries on the other will lease their respective telecommunications network operation assets (the "**Network Assets**") to each other in return for a leasing fee (the "**Assets Leasing Fees**"). By utilising the Network Assets of CMCC and its subsidiaries, the Company intends to offer its subscribers a complete telecommunications solution. The initial term of the Network Assets Leasing Agreement expired on 31 December 2011, and pursuant to the terms thereof unless the parties agree otherwise, upon expiry of the term, the Network Assets Leasing Agreement shall automatically be renewed for further terms of one year. The Company and CMCC agreed to renew the Network Assets Leasing Agreement on 6 December 2011, 12 December 2012, 15 August 2013, 14 August 2014, 21 August 2015, 11 August 2016 and 10 August 2017 for a term of one year commencing on 1 January 2012, 1 January 2013, 1 January 2014, 1 January 2015, 1 January 2016, 1 January 2017 and 1 January 2018, respectively. In view of the expiry of the Network Assets Leasing Agreement on 31 December 2018, the parties have again agreed to renew the Network Assets Leasing Agreement on 9 August 2018 for a term of one year commencing on 1 January 2019.

The Network Assets include, among others, access network, transmission network, machinery rooms and equipment. The parties to the Network Assets Leasing Agreement have the right to adjust the scope of the Network Assets leased under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement to suit their respective business needs.

The Assets Leasing Fees are payable on a monthly basis in cash. The Assets Leasing Fees shall be determined with reference to the prevailing market rates. In view of the landscape of the telecommunications industry in China, the number of industry players which own and operate Network Assets are limited. In determining the market rates for the Assets Leasing Fees, the Company takes into account the charges payable by the Company and CMCC to other industry players as well as the charges receivable by the Company and CMCC from other industry players. The Assets Leasing Fees payable by the Company to CMCC shall not be more than the leasing fees charged to other industry players, being independent third parties, for same kinds of Network Assets.

The Assets Leasing Fees received by the Group from CMCC and its subsidiaries under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement for the two years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017 were below 0.1% of each of the applicable ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules. Based on the Group's unaudited management accounts, the Assets Leasing Fees receivable by the Group from CMCC and its subsidiaries under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement for the six months ended 30 June 2018 was below 0.1% of each of the applicable percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules, and the amount of Assets Leasing Fees receivable from CMCC and its subsidiaries for the year ending 31 December 2018 is expected to be below 0.1% of each of the applicable percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules. The amount of Assets Leasing Fees receivable by the Group from CMCC and its subsidiaries under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) for the year ending 31 December 2019 is also expected to be below 0.1% of each of the applicable percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules.

The annual caps for the Assets Leasing Fees payable by the Group to CMCC and its subsidiaries under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement for the two years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017 and for the year ending 31 December 2018 are RMB5,500 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,354 million), RMB5,000 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$5,776 million) and RMB3,500 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,043 million), respectively. For the two years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017, the Assets Leasing Fees paid by the Group to CMCC and its subsidiaries under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement were RMB2,738 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$3,163 million) and RMB2,494 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,881 million), respectively. Based on the Group's unaudited management accounts, the Assets Leasing Fees payable by the Group to CMCC and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 30 June 2018 amounted to approximately RMB1,169 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,350 million).

In order to satisfy the Company's business demand, the Company will continue to lease Network Assets from CMCC and its subsidiaries. The scale of the Network Assets leased will be broadly the same as that in 2018. As such, the Assets Leasing Fees payable by the Group under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) for the lease of Network Assets for the year ending 31 December 2019 are expected to be around the same amount as that payable for the year ending 31 December 2018, that is not to exceed RMB3,500 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,043 million). Accordingly, this amount is set as the annual cap for the Assets Leasing Fees payable by the Group to CMCC and its subsidiaries under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) for the year ending 31 December 2019.

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Since each of the applicable percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the annual cap for the amounts payable by the Company under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) is above 0.1% but below 5%, the transactions contemplated thereunder are classified as continuing connected transactions under Rule 14A.76(2) of the Listing Rules and are only subject to the reporting, annual review and announcements requirement set out in the Listing Rules but are exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules. Details of the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) will be included in the annual report and accounts of the Company in accordance with Rules 14A.49, 14A.71 and 14A.72 of the Listing Rules.

The Group had no other prior transactions with CMCC and its associates which required aggregation with the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) under Rule 14A.81 of the Listing Rules.

As all the executive Directors also hold executive positions at CMCC, all the executive Directors have therefore voluntarily abstained from voting on the board resolution approving the transactions under the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed).

The Board (including the independent non-executive Directors but excluding the executive Directors who have voluntarily abstained from voting) is of the view that the Network Assets Leasing Agreement (as renewed) was entered into after arm's length negotiation between the Company and CMCC and in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, reflect normal commercial terms and is in the interests of the shareholders of the Company and the Company as a whole, and the terms as well as the proposed annual cap for the transactions thereunder are fair and reasonable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CMCC is a state-owned company established under the laws of the PRC and the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company holding indirectly approximately 72.72% of the total issued and outstanding share capital of the Company. Through the Group, CMCC is the leading provider of telecommunications services in the PRC.

The Group is the leading telecommunications services provider in China, which operates nationwide telecommunications networks in all thirty-one provinces, autonomous regions and directly administered municipalities in Mainland China and in Hong Kong. The Company is an investment holding company.

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DEFINITIONS

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

“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“CMCC”	China Mobile Communications Group Co., Ltd., a state-owned enterprise established under the laws of the PRC, the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company
“Company”	China Mobile Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange and American Depositary Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Listing Rules”	Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Network Assets Leasing Agreement”	the telecommunications network operation assets leasing agreement dated 18 August 2011 and entered into between the Company and CMCC, as renewed from time to time
“PRC” or “China”	the People’s Republic of China
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	per cent.

By Order of the Board
China Mobile Limited
Shang Bing
Chairman

Hong Kong, 9 August 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Mr. Shang Bing, Mr. Li Yue and Mr. Dong Xin as executive directors and Dr. Moses Cheng Mo Chi, Mr. Paul Chow Man Yiu, Mr. Stephen Yiu Kin Wah and Dr. Yang Qiang as independent non-executive directors.