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PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUDITOR

The Board announces that PricewaterhouseCoopers will retire as auditor of the Group upon expiration of its current term of office at the close of the forthcoming AGM. On 21 March 2013, the Board, as recommended and approved by the audit committee of the Company, has resolved to appoint KPMG as the Group's new auditor to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company at the AGM.

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the "**Company**") announces that PricewaterhouseCoopers ("**PwC**") will retire as auditor of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "**Group**") upon expiration of its current term of office at the close of the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 21 May 2013 (the "**AGM**"). On 21 March 2013, the Board, as recommended and approved by the audit committee of the Company, has resolved to appoint KPMG as the auditor of the Group to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company at the AGM.

The proposed appointment of new auditor is to comply with the relevant regulations issued by the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China and the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council ("**SASAC**"), which imposes certain restrictions in respect of the number of years of audit services that an accounting firm could provide to a state-owned enterprise and its subsidiaries on a continuous basis (the "**Auditor Rotation Requirements**"). As the Company is an indirect subsidiary of China United Network Communications Group Company Limited, a state-owned enterprise under the direct control and supervision of SASAC, the Company is required to comply with the Auditor Rotation Requirements.

The Company received a letter from PwC on 21 March 2013 confirming that there were no matters in relation to the proposed change of auditor that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. The Board has also confirmed that there was no disagreement between PwC and the Company and there were no other matters in relation to the proposed change of auditor that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The proposed appointment of new auditor is subject to shareholders' approval at the AGM. A circular containing, among other things, the proposed change in auditor, together with the notice of AGM will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company as soon as possible.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to PwC for its quality services rendered to the Group during the past years.

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

By Order of the Board of
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Chu Ka Yee
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 21 March 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

Executive directors	: Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Tong Jilu and Li Fushen
Non-executive director	: Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent non-executive directors	: Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, John Lawson Thornton, Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Cai Hongbin and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny