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**Announcement**

**LTE/4G Digital Cellular Mobile Service Operation (TD-LTE) Permit**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571).

On 4 December 2013, China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Company”) was notified by its ultimate parent company, China United Network Communications Group Company Limited (中國聯合網絡通信集團有限公司) (“Unicom Parent”), that Unicom Parent has been granted the license to operate LTE/4G digital cellular mobile service (TD-LTE) by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People’s Republic of China (“MIIT”) on 4 December 2013. MIIT has also granted approval for Unicom Parent to license China United Network Communications Corporation Limited (中國聯合網絡通信有限公司), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, to operate LTE/4G digital cellular mobile service (TD-LTE) nationwide in China.

Meanwhile, the Company will continue to proactively apply for the launch of LTE FDD technology test run. It aims to leverage on the 3G network in order to provide users with mobile broadband data services with a higher speed.

By Order of the Board  
**CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED**  
**CHU KA YEE**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 4 December 2013

As of the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive directors:	Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Tong Jilu and Li Fushen
Non-executive director:	Cesareo Alierta Izuel
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