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Application will be made by the Company to the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares.

# CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE

The Shares are currently traded on the Stock Exchange in board lot size of 15,000 Shares. The Company proposes that subject to and upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the board lot size be changed from 15,000 Shares to 5,000 Consolidated Shares.

#### GENERAL

The Share Consolidation is subject to the Shareholders' approval at the EGM. A circular containing, among others, further information on the Share Consolidation and a notice to convene the EGM will be despatched to the Shareholders as soon as practicable.

# PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION

The Company proposes to put forward for approval by the Shareholders the Share Consolidation pursuant to which every five (5) Shares in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company will be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share. Fractional Consolidated Shares will be disregarded and will not be issued to the Shareholders but all such fractional Consolidated Shares will be aggregated and, if possible, sold for the benefit of the Company. Fractional Consolidated Shares will only arise in respect of the entire shareholding of a Shareholder regardless of the number of share certificates held by such Shareholder.

## **Effect of the Share Consolidation**

As at the date of this announcement, the authorised share capital of the Company is HK\$100,000,000 comprising 100,000,000 Shares of HK\$0.001 each, of which 9,271,175,247 Shares have been issued and fully paid or credited as fully paid. Upon the Share Consolidation taking effect and on the basis that the Company does not allot and issue any further Shares prior thereto, the authorised share capital of the Company will remain at HK\$100,000,000 but will comprise 20,000,000,000 Consolidated Shares of HK\$0.005 each, of which 1,854,235,049 Consolidated Shares of HK\$0.005 each will be in issue.

The Consolidated Shares will rank pari passu in all respects with each other and the Share Consolidation will not result in any change in the relative rights of the Shareholders.

Other than the relevant expenses incurred, the implementation of the Share Consolidation will have no effect on the consolidated net asset value of the Group, nor will alter the underlying assets, business, operations, management or financial position of the Company or the interests of the Shareholders, save for any fractional Consolidated Shares to which Shareholders may be entitled.

The Board believes that the Share Consolidation will not have any material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group and that on the date the Share Consolidation is to be effected, there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is, or after the Share Consolidation would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due. The Share Consolidation will not involve any diminution of any liability in respect of any unpaid capital of the Company or the repayment to the Shareholders of any unpaid capital of the Company nor will it result in any change in the relative rights of the Shareholders.

#### **Conditions of the Share Consolidation**

The Share Consolidation is conditional upon:

- (i) the passing of the necessary resolution(s) by the Shareholders to approve the Share Consolidation at the EGM; and
- (ii) the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares.

#### Listing application

An application will be made by the Company to the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares to be in issue upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective.

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#### **EXCHANGE OF SHARE CERTIFICATES**

Subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective, which is expected to be on 27 February 2012, Shareholders may, during the period from 27 February 2012 to 3 April 2012 (both days inclusive), submit share certificates, which are beige in colour, for the existing Shares to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, in exchange, at the expense of the Company, for new share certificates, which are blue in colour, for the Consolidated Shares. Thereafter, share certificates for existing Shares will continue to be good evidence of legal title but will cease to be valid for dealing, trading and settlement purposes after the parallel trading in the Consolidated Shares ends and will be accepted for exchange only on payment of a fee of HK\$2.50 (or such higher amount as may be allowed by the Stock Exchange from time to time) for each share certificate for existing Shares cancelled or each new share certificate issued for Consolidated Shares, whichever number of certificates cancelled/issued is higher.

### ARRANGEMENT ON ODD LOT TRADING

In order to facilitate the trading of odd lots of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (if applicable) arising from the change in board lot size of the Shares and the Share Consolidation, the Company will appoint Astrum Capital Management Limited to provide matching service, on a best effort basis, to those Shareholders who wish to top-up or sell their shareholdings of odd lots of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (if applicable) on a best effort basis for the period from 12 March 2012 to 30 March 2012 (both days inclusive).

Holders of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (which is applicable) in odd lots who wish to take advantage of this facility either to dispose of their odd lots of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (if applicable) or to top-up their odd lots to a full new board lot may directly or through their broker contact Ms. Amy Leung of Astrum Capital Management Limited, at Unit 1807, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong (Telephone number: (852)3665 8112) during the aforesaid period. Holders of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (which is applicable) in odd lots should note that the matching of the sale and purchase of odd lots of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (if applicable) is on a best effort basis and successful matching of the sale and purchase of odd lots of the Shares or the Consolidated Shares (if applicable) is not guaranteed. Shareholders are recommended to consult their professional advisers if they are in doubt about the above facility.

# **EXPECTED TIMETABLE**

Set out below is the expected timetable for the implementation of the Share Consolidation and change in board lot size:

| Event 2012   |
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| Despatch of circular with notice of EGM Wednesday, 8 February  |
| Latest time for lodging proxy form11:00 a.m. Wednesday, 22 February  |
| Date of EGM11:00 a.m. Friday, 24 February  |
| Announcement on results of EGMFriday, 24 February  |
| Effective date for the Share Consolidation Monday, 27 February   |
| Commencement of dealings in Consolidated Shares 9:00 a.m. Monday, 27 February  |
| First day for free exchange of existing share certificates for new share certificates Monday, 27 February  |
| Original counter for trading in Shares in board lots of 15,000 Shares temporarily closes   |
| Temporary counter for trading in Consolidated Shares<br>in board lots of 3,000 Consolidated Shares<br>(in the form of existing share certificates) opens 9:00 a.m. Monday, 27 February |
| Original counter for trading in Consolidated<br>Shares in new board lots of 5,000 Consolidated<br>Shares (in the form of new share certificates) re-opens 9:00 a.m. Monday, 12 March   |
| Parallel trading in Consolidated Shares in the<br>form of new share certificates and existing<br>share certificates commences  |
| Designated broker starts to stand in the market to<br>provide matching services for odd lots of Shares and<br>the Consolidated Shares (if applicable) Monday, 12 March                 |

| Temporary counter for trading in Consolidated<br>Shares in board lots of 3,000 Consolidated<br>Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) closes 4:00 p.m. Friday, 30 March |
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| Parallel trading in Consolidated Shares in the<br>form of new share certificates and<br>existing share certificates closes   |
| Designated broker ceases to stand in the market<br>to provide matching services for odd lots of the Shares<br>and the Consolidated Shares (if applicable)Friday, 30 March            |
| Last day for free exchange of existing<br>share certificates for new share certificates Tuesday, 3 April   |

All times and dates in this announcement refer to Hong Kong local times and dates.

Dates and times specified in this announcement are indicative only. Any changes to the expected timetable will be published or notified to Shareholders as and when appropriate.

# ADJUSTMENT IN RELATION TO THE OUTSTANDING SHARE OPTIONS AND THE CONVERTIBLE BONDS

The Share Consolidation may cause adjustments to the subscription prices and/or the number of share options pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Share Option Scheme. As at the date of this announcement, there are outstanding options granted under the Share Option Scheme to subscribe for 160,000,000 new Shares. The Share Consolidation may also cause adjustments to the conversion prices of the Convertible Bonds. As at the date of this announcement, there are outstanding Convertible Bonds which may convert into 600,416,666 new Shares. Save for the above, the Company has no other outstanding convertible securities, options or warrants in issue which confer any right to subscribe for, convert or exchange into Shares as at the date of this announcement. The Company will instruct its auditors or an independent financial adviser or other appropriate persons to certify the adjustments, if any, to the subscription price of the outstanding share options and Convertible Bonds in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions and will inform the holder(s) of options and Convertible Bonds of such adjustments, if any.

Further announcement will be made by the Company in respect of such adjustments as and when appropriate.

#### REASONS FOR THE SHARE CONSOLIDATION AND CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE

It is expected that the Share Consolidation would bring about a corresponding increase in the trading price of the Consolidated Shares. It is also expected that the change in board lot size would increase the trading amount for each board lot. As a result, the Share Consolidation and change in board lot size would enable the Company to comply with the trading requirements under the GEM Listing Rules. Accordingly, the Board is of the view that the Share Consolidation and change in board lot size are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### EGM AND CIRCULAR

The Share Consolidation is subject to the Shareholders' approval at the EGM and no Shareholders are required to abstain from voting on the resolution(s) in relation to the Share Consolidation. A circular containing, among others, further details of the Share Consolidation and the notice of the EGM will be despatched to the Shareholders as soon as practicable.

#### TERMS USED IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

| "Board"                 | the board of Directors   |
|-------------------------|--|
| "Company"               | China Netcom Technology Holdings Limited, a company incorporated<br>in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the issued Shares of<br>which are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange |
| "Consolidated Share(s)" | ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.005 each in the share capital of the Company after the Share Consolidation becoming effective   |
| "Convertible Bond(s)"   | the convertible bonds issued by the Company on 27 August 2010  |
| "Directors"             | the directors of the Company   |
| "EGM"                   | the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be convened<br>for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving, among<br>others, the Share Consolidation                 |
| "GEM"                   | the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange   |
| "GEM Listing Rules"     | the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM   |
| "Group"                 | the Company and its subsidiaries   |

| "Hong Kong"           | the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China                          |
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| "Share(s)"            | existing ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.001 each in the share capital of the Company                       |
| "Share Consolidation" | the proposed consolidation of every five (5) issued and unissued<br>Shares into one Consolidated Share |
| "Share Option Scheme" | the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 29 June 2007   |
| "Shareholder(s)"      | the holder(s) of the Shares  |
| "Stock Exchange"      | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited  |
| "HK\$"                | Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong  |
|                       | By Order of the Board<br>China Netcom Technology Holdings Limited                                      |

Ng Kwok Chu, Winfield

Executive Director

Hong Kong, 19 January 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Leung Ngai Man, Mr. Ng Kwok Chu, Winfield and Ms. Wu Wei Hua; and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. Leung Wai Cheung and Mr. Cai Wei Lun.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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