

CHINA TELECOM CORP LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the Month of March 2009

Commission File Number 1-31517

China Telecom Corporation Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

31 Jinrong Street, Xicheng District

Beijing, China 100140

(Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBITS

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| Announcement regarding profit warning, dated March 10, 2009. | |
| FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS | |

Certain statements contained in this Form 6-K may be viewed as forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and 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 China Telecom Corporation Limited (the Company) to be materially different from any future performance, financial condition or results of operations implied by such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the continued growth of the telecommunications industry in China; the development of the regulatory environment; and the Company's ability to successfully execute its business strategies.

Such forward-looking statements reflect the current views of the Company with respect to future events. Actual results may differ materially from information contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, any changes in the regulatory regime and significant policies for the telecommunications industry in China, including changes in the structure or functions of the primary industry regulator, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, or the MIIT (which has assumed the regulatory functions of the former Ministry of Information Industry), or any changes in the regulatory policies of the MIIT and other relevant government authorities in China; any decisions by the Chinese government in relation to the technology standards and licenses of third generation mobile telecommunication; the results of the ongoing restructuring of the telecommunications industry in China; any changes in the effects of competition on the demand and price of the Company's telecommunications services; any changes in telecommunications and related technology and applications based on such technology; and changes in political, economic, legal and social conditions in China, including the Chinese government's policies with respect to economic growth, foreign exchange, foreign investment and entry by foreign companies into China's telecommunications market. Please also see the Risk Factors section of the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 20-F, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CHINA TELECOM CORPORATION LIMITED

Date: March 11, 2009

By: /s/ Wang Xiaochu
Name: Wang Xiaochu
Title: Chairman and CEO

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PROFIT WARNING

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

The Board wishes to inform the Shareholders and potential investors that the financial results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008 are expected to decline significantly as compared with those in 2007.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

This announcement is made by China Telecom Corporation Limited (the Company), together with its subsidiaries, the Group pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the Listing Rules).

The board of directors of the Company (the Board) wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company (the Shareholders) and potential investors that in accordance with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards, the management of the Company is conducting impairment tests on the carrying amounts of the Group's long-lived assets and it is expected that a proposal for making a significant amount of provision for impairment loss on its PAS asset (a wireless local access network based on the Personal Handyphone System (PHS)) will be submitted to the Board for review and approval on 24 March 2009. As a result, the financial results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008 are expected to decline significantly as compared with those in 2007.

The Company wishes to point out that the aforesaid provision for impairment loss on its PAS asset will not affect the cash flow of its business and will lead to reduction in depreciation of such asset in the future years.

The Company is in the process of finalising the results of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2008. The information contained in this announcement is only a preliminary assessment by the Company based on information currently available and is not based on any figures or information audited by the Company's auditors. Details of the consolidated results of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 will be disclosed in the Company's results announcement on 24 March 2009.

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By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Beijing, PRC, 10 March 2009

As of the date of this announcement, the Board of directors of the Company consists of Mr. Wang Xiaochu as the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Shang Bing as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Zhang Chenshuang, Mr. Yang Xiaowei, Mr. Yang Jie, and Mr. Sun Kangmin as the executive vice presidents, Mr. Li Jinming as the non-executive director, and Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Qin Xiao, Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming as the independent non-executive directors.

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