

CHINA TELECOM CORP LTD

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 July 2014

Commission File Number 1-31517

China Telecom Corporation Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

31 Jinrong Street, Xicheng District

Beijing 100033, China

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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Yes No

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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 Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties, and include, without limitation, statements relating to:

our business and operating strategies and our ability to successfully execute these strategies;

our network expansion and capital expenditure plans;

our operations and business prospects;

the expected benefit of any acquisitions or other strategic transactions;

our financial condition and results of operations;

the expected impact of new services on our business, financial condition and results of operations;

the future prospects of and our ability to integrate acquired business or assets;

the industry regulatory environment as well as the industry outlook generally; and

future developments in the telecommunications industry in the People's Republic of China, or the PRC.

The words anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, seek, will, would and they relate to us, are intended to identify a number of these forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, some of which are beyond our control. In addition, these forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. We are under no obligation to update these forward-looking statements and do not intend to do so. Actual results may differ materially from the information contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the following:

any changes in the regulations or policies of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, or the MIIT, and other relevant government authorities relating to, among other matters:

the granting and approval of licenses;

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tariff policies;

interconnection and settlement arrangements;

capital investment priorities;

the provision of telephone and other telecommunications services to rural areas in the PRC;

the convergence of television broadcast, telecommunications and Internet access networks, or three-network convergence; and

spectrum and numbering resources allocation;

the effects of competition on the demand for and price of our services;

effects of our restructuring and integration following the completion of our acquisition of the Code Division Multiple Access technology, or CDMA, telecommunications business in 2008;

any potential further restructuring or consolidation of the PRC telecommunications industry;

changes in the PRC telecommunications industry as a result of the issuance of the third generation mobile telecommunications, or 3G, and the fourth generation mobile telecommunications, or 4G, licenses by the MIIT;

the development of new technologies and applications or services affecting the PRC telecommunications industry and our current and future business;

changes in political, economic, legal and social conditions in the PRC, including changes in the PRC government's specific policies with respect to foreign investment in and entry by foreign companies into the PRC telecommunications industry, economic growth, inflation, foreign exchange and the availability of credit; and

future implementation of a value-added tax to replace the business tax in the PRC.

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.

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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: July 14, 2014

By: /s/ Wang Xiaochu
Name: Wang Xiaochu
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit 1.1

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China Telecom Corporation Limited

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 728)

PARTICIPATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHINA COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

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

Reference is made to the announcement published by China Telecom Corporation Limited (the Company) on 30 April 2014 in relation to the discussion on the joint establishment of a tower facilities company. The board of directors of the Company is pleased to announce that on 11 July 2014, the Company, China United Network Communications Corporation Limited and China Mobile Communication Company Limited entered into a Promoters' Agreement for China Communications Facilities Services Corporation Limited to jointly establish China Communications Facilities Services Corporation Limited (the Tower Company).

The registered share capital of the Tower Company is RMB10 billion. The Company, China United Network Communications Corporation Limited and China Mobile Communication Company Limited intend to subscribe for 2.99 billion shares, 3.01 billion shares and 4.00 billion shares of the Tower Company respectively in cash at a par value of RMB1.00 per share, representing a shareholding percentage of 29.9%, 30.1% and 40.0%, respectively. The Tower Company will primarily engage in the construction, maintenance and operation of telecommunications towers, and will also engage in the construction, maintenance and operation of ancillary facilities such as control rooms, power supply systems and air conditioning systems of base stations, etc and indoor distribution systems as well as the provision of outsourcing maintenance services for base station equipment.

At present, the respective parties are at a preliminary stage of considering potential injections of certain telecommunications assets into the Tower Company. The specific implementation of any such asset injection shall be subject to applicable legal and regulatory requirements (which include, but are not limited to, the Listing Rules).

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Pursuant to the relevant arrangements for the establishment of the Tower Company, the Tower Company has indicated to China Communications Services Corporation Limited (CCS) (a subsidiary of the controlling shareholder of the Company, China Telecommunications Corporation (CTC)) that:

on condition that it will not result in a breach by CTC and CCS of the Non-Competition Agreement entered into between them, when the Tower Company invites public tender for the design, construction, supervision and maintenance of its telecommunications towers and related ancillary facilities, the Tower Company will select CCS on a preferential basis, provided that the terms are the same;

in the event of an injection of telecommunications assets into the Tower Company (acquisition by the Tower Company), the existing maintenance agreements entered into between CCS and the respective promoters of the Tower Company will remain valid. Upon the expiration of such maintenance agreements and when the Tower Company invites tender for the maintenance services, the Tower Company will consider CCS on a preferential basis, provided that the terms are the same; and

the Tower Company will not compete in contravention of the contents of the Non-Competition Agreement. The Company believes that the establishment of the Tower Company is beneficial to the enhancement of the industry investment efficiency, further increasing the level upon which telecommunications infrastructure facilities are being jointly constructed and shared, strengthening the intrinsic motivation for the corporate efficiently-centralised development and further promoting resources conservation and environment protection through this operating mechanism. Meanwhile, it is also conducive to reduction in the overall investment scale of the Company, effective utilisation of assets, savings of its capital expenditures, optimisation of cash management, enhancement of market competitiveness and acceleration of transformation and upgrade.

Further announcements will be made by the Company in connection with the above as and when appropriate in accordance with the Listing Rules in order to keep investors informed of any material development in the matter. In the meantime, investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

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

Beijing, PRC, 11 July 2014

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As at 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. Yang Jie as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Yang Xiaowei, Mr. Sun Kangmin and Mr. Ke Ruiwen as the executive vice presidents, Mr. Zhu Wei as the non-executive director and Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming and Madam Wang Hsuehming as the independent non-executive directors.