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CHINA MOBILE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LIMITED

Armarda's associate CMSCG successfully completes mobile satellite network tests with China Telecom Satellite

- **Mobile satellite services approved for sales following completion of testing**

Singapore and Hong Kong, 27 November 2012 – Further to the press release made on 16 and 26 September 2012, China Mobile Satellite Communications Group Limited (“CMSCG” or “the Group”), announced today that it has obtained confirmation on 26 November 2012 from China Telecom Satellite Communications Co Ltd (“CTS”) that all necessary testings of its mobile satellite network with CTS using Thuraya XT phone and the 1349 Pre-fix SIM within the designated coverage in the PRC have been successfully completed. Following this, the Group now has CTS’s endorsement to commence the commercial sales of Thuraya’s mobile satellite handsets and services to the enterprise users in the PRC market.

This development is in line with the exclusive partnership agreement between CMSCG and Thuraya, a UAE-established leading global GEO satellite mobile telecommunication operator. As part of the agreement, CMSCG will be the exclusive provider of Thuraya’s mobile satellite telecommunication devices and services in China. In return, Thuraya will provide technical and marketing support to CMSCG.

Under the testing criteria of China’s Telecommunication Industry, all telecommunication products have to undergo a series of technical tests including tests for call functionality and interoperability between satellite terminal and ground network, to ensure that the products are compatible with the local telecommunication network. Only upon successful completion of these tests can the products and services be made available for sale.

Jimmy Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of CMSCG commented on the announcement, “The Group is delighted to obtain the approval from CTS for Thuraya’s products and services. With the testing completed, we will now focus on working with various licensed vendors to distribute Thuraya’s products and services to the Chinese market.”

A study from The Nielson Company estimated that the market demand in PRC in 2011 for dual mode satellite phones is approximately 320,000 to 410,000 units and the market demand for dual mode satellite phones in 2 to 3 years is approximately 1,330,000 to 3,840,000 units.

He added, “Demand for satellite handsets in China is fast-growing due to the requirements of industries such as maritime, disaster recovery and civil defense. We are confident that the advanced voice solutions provided by Thuraya’s handsets will meet the needs of Chinese enterprise users.”

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About China Mobile Satellite Communications Group Limited

China Mobile Satellite Communications Group Limited (“CMSCG”) was formed in 2010. In the same year, it obtained consent from MIIT of China to sell and distribute satellite communication services and products of Thuraya in China using the “L-Band” frequency. This is the first time a satellite service provider is permitted to legally offer mobile satellite voice communication services in the PRC. CMSCG will distribute mobile satellite communication hardware and provide voice and data services to the nascent Chinese market.

45% equity interests of China Satellite Mobile Communication Group Limited (“CSMCG”), the wholly owned parent company of CMSCG, has been acquired by Singapore-listed Armarda Group Limited (“Armarda”) on 21 March 2012. Armarda has been listed in the Catalist board of Singapore since 2004.

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