# **Independent Assurance Report**



# To the Board of China Mobile Limited:

# I. Scope of Our Engagement

The 2018 Sustainability Report (the "Sustainability Report") of China Mobile Limited (the "Company") has been prepared by the Company. Management of the Company (the "Management") is responsible for the collection and presentation of information within the GRI Standards issued by the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB), and for maintaining adequate records and internal controls that are designed to support the sustainability reporting process.

Our responsibility is to carry out limited assurance procedures in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 ("ISAE3000"): "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" issued by the International Federation of Accountants and issue the assurance statement for the year ended 31 December 2018 in accordance with the Management's instructions.

Our work was limited to these stated above and our report is made solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organization. Any reliance any such third party may place on the Sustainability Report is entirely as its own risk.

# **II. Work Performed**

Our review has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAE3000. In order to form our conclusions, we carried out the following procedures:

According to the Managements instructions, we performed limited assurance procedures in:

- China Mobile Limited Head Office
- China Mobile Liaoning Company Limited
- China Mobile Shaanxi Company Limited
- China Mobile Guangxi Company Limited

We did not perform limited assurance procedures on other sites.

The limited assurance procedures were performed over the following key performance indicators in the Sustainability Report for the year ended 31 December 2018:

#### **Economic indicators**

- Number of first-level suppliers
- Number of second-level suppliers
- Percentage of first-level local suppliers
- Percentage of second-level local suppliers
- Number of assessments on first-level suppliers
- Number of administrative villages with broadband service launched in the "Telecommunications Universal Service Project"
- Number of Rural Information Service customers
- Number of sales channels in township-level areas

# **Environmental indicators**

- Total electricity consumption
- Natural gas consumption
- LPG consumption
- Coal gas consumption
- Coal consumption
- Gasoline consumption
- Diesel fuel consumption
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Carbon emission from business travel
- Carbon emission from commute
- Number of video conferences usage at group level

#### Social indicators

- Number of spam messages report handled
- Number of emergency support
- Number of emergency support vehicles deployed
- Number of emergency support equipment installed
- Number of person-times involved in emergency support
- Number of principals of rural primary and secondary schools trained newly added
- Number of assisted children in poverty who suffered from congenital heart disease newly added
- Number of person-times trained
- Percentage of female employees
- Ethnic minorities as a percentage of total employees
- Total number of newly hired employees
- Total number of resigned employees
- Total number of dismissed employees
- Number of Anti-Corruption Education programme organized
- Attendance of anti-corruption education and trainings

The limited assurance procedures we carried out are following:

- Interviewing the Company's management and staffs responsible for the selected key performance information;
- Performing analytical review procedures;
- Performing sample inspection on the selected key performance information;
- Performing recalculation procedures on the selected key performance information;
- Other procedures we considered necessary.

# **III. Limitations of Our Scope**

Our scope of work did not include:

- Assessing the accuracy or fairness of information (including financial information) other than the selected key performance information.
- Reviewing the forward-looking statements made by the Management.
- Reviewing and consequently providing assurance on historical data.

#### IV. Level of Assurance

Our evidence gathering procedures have been designed to obtain a limited level of assurance (as set out in ISAE 3000) on which to base our conclusion. The procedures conducted do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a reasonable assurance engagement and accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion or an audit opinion. While we considered the effectiveness of the Management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our review was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

### V. Our Conclusions

Subject to the limitations of scope and based on the procedures specified above for this limited assurance engagement, we provided the following conclusions:

Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected indicators were not presented fairly in all material respects in the 2018 Sustainability Report of China Mobile Limited.

# VI. Our Independence

We are in compliance with the Ernst & Young Global Independence Policy which was designed to comply with the requirements of the IFAC Codes of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the IFAC Code). We believe that there were no events or prohibited services provided which could impair our independence.

# VII. Our Assurance Team

Our assurance team has been drawn from our sustainability assurance service network, which undertakes similar engagements to this with a number of domestic or international businesses. Our assurance team has met the requirements of competence and work experience of this engagement.

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