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SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock code: 00315)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Reference is made to the announcement made by the Company on 29 March 2012.

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") announces that it became aware that on 13 July 2012, Mr. Raymond Ping-luen Kwok, Chairman and Non-Executive Director of the Company ("Mr. Kwok"), has been charged with an alleged offence or offences at common law for conspiracy to commit misconduct in a public office, under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and furnishing false information contrary to the Theft Ordinance.

A Board meeting was held today to consider this matter (the "Meeting"). Mr. Kwok did not participate in the Meeting. The Board is of the view that it is important for the Group to continue to have access to Mr. Kwok's expertise and experience, and that it is in the best interests of the Company for Mr. Kwok to continue to discharge his duties and responsibilities to the Group.

The Company is of the view that the normal daily business and operations of the Group will not be affected. As a Non-Executive Director of the Company, Mr. Kwok does not take part in carrying out day-to-day management and operation of the Company. Mr. Kwok will continue to undertake and discharge his duties as the Chairman and Non-Executive Director of the Company.

At the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company (the "Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited was suspended with effect from 10:09 a.m. on 13 July 2012 and an application has been made for the Shares to resume trading with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 16 July 2012.

The Company will make further announcements as and when appropriate pursuant to the requirements under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

By order of the Board
**SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings
Limited**

Alvin Yau-hing Mak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 13 July 2012

As at the date of this announcement, Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Douglas Li and Mr. Patrick Kai-lung Chan; Non-Executive Directors are Mr. Raymond Ping-luen Kwok, Mr. Wing-yui Cheung, Mr. David Norman Prince, Mr. Wing-chung Yung, Mr. Thomas Hon-wah Siu, Mr. Alfred Wing-kit Tsim and Mr. John Anthony Miller; Independent Non-Executive Directors are Dr. Eric Ka-cheung Li, JP, Mr. Leung-sing Ng, JP, Mr. Xiang-dong Yang and Mr. Eric Fock-kin Gan.