

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
Form 6-K
April 02, 2008

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 April 2008

Commission File Number 1-13758

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Av. Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40
1069 - 300 Lisboa, Portugal**

(Address of principal executive office)

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

ANNOUNCEMENT

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.

Public Company

Registered Offices: Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40, Lisbon

Share Capital: Euro 28,277,855.31

Registered in the Commercial Registry Office of Lisbon and

Corporation no. 503 215 058

Qualified Holding

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT) informs that Barclays PLC, with registered office in 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom, has notified PT that it now holds less than 2% (two percent) of the voting rights corresponding to its share capital.

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Such new holding resulted from the disposal by Barclays Capital Securities Ltd, through a market transaction made on 18 March 2008, of 38,720,695 PT ordinary shares. As a result of such disposal, Barclays PLC and its subsidiaries (Barclays Group) now hold a total of 3,875,750 PT ordinary shares representing 0.41% of PT's share capital and corresponding voting rights.

Additionally, Barclays PLC informed PT that such holding is attributed to Barclays Group through the following entities:

- Barclays Capital Securities Ltd: 3,418,006 ordinary shares representing 0.36% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd: 186,244 ordinary shares representing 0.02% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Fundos: 271,500 ordinary shares representing 0.03% of the share capital and voting rights in PT.

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code, following a communication received from Barclays PLC.

Lisbon, 2 April 2008

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: April 2, 2008

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: */s/ Nuno Prego*
Nuno Prego
Investor Relations Director

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