

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
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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 February, 2003

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

RELEASE

PORTUGAL TELECOM ANNOUNCES NEW FIXED TELEPHONE SERVICE TARIFFS

Lisbon, Portugal, February 17, 2003 Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT) (NYSE: PT; BVL: PTCO.IN), today announced that the Portuguese telecommunications regulator (Anacom) and the Portuguese Authority for Trade and Competition have approved the 2003 fixed telephone service tariffs proposed by PT.

The new tariffs will become effective as from February 21, 2003 as set out below:

These tariffs were set within the fixed telephone service pricing convention for 2003 (Universal Service Convention) complying with a price cap of CPI-2.75%, in terms of average annual change and assuming an inflation of 2.5% as in the Portuguese State budget for 2003.

The nominal change in prices will be the following:

These changes in tariffs represent a further rebalancing of fixed telephony prices therefore enhancing PT's competitive position in the domestic market.

This information is also available on PT's website www.telecom.pt.

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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: February 18, 2003

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: _____ /s/ Vitor Sequeira

Vitor Sequeira
Manager of Investor
Relations

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