

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 July 2009

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.

Form 20-F X Form 40-F

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 X

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Qualified Holding

Portugal Telecom, SGPS S.A. (PT) informs that Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (BBVA) now holds less than 2% of the voting rights corresponding to the share capital of PT.

Such new holding resulted from the disposal, in an over-the-counter transaction occurred on 25 June 2009, of a total of 9,020,000 PT shares.

Additionally, PT was informed that, as a result of the above mentioned transaction, a holding of 14,205,612 ordinary shares, representing 1.585% of PT 's share capital and corresponding voting rights is now attributed to BBVA, under the following terms:

- 13,843,180 shares representing 1.544% of the share capital and voting rights in PT held by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.;
- 87,721 shares representing 0.010% of the share capital and voting rights in PT held by BBVA Patrimonios Gestora S.G.I.I.C., S.A.;
- 217,878 shares representing 0.024% of the share capital and voting rights in PT held by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (Portugal), S.A.;

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- 56,833 shares representing 0.006% of the share capital and voting rights in PT held by BBVA Gest Sociedade Gestora de Fundos de Investimento Mobiliário, S.A..

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities

Code, following a communication received from Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., a bank incorporated under the laws of Spain, with registered office at Plaza de San Nicolás, no 4, Bilbao, Spain, with tax number A-48/265169.

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Public company
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Registered in the Commercial
Registry Office of Lisbon
and Corporation no. 503 215 058

Portugal Telecom is listed on the
Euronext and New York Stock
Exchange. Information may be
accessed on the Reuters under the
symbols PTC.LS and PT and on
Bloomberg under the symbol PTC PL.

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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: July 7, 2009

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Vieira

Nuno Vieira
Investor Relations Director

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