

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
Form 6-K
February 09, 2004

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, 2004

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 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

ANNOUNCEMENT

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

Public Company

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

Share Capital: Euro 1,254,285,000

Registered in the Conservatory of the Commercial Registry of Lisbon under no. 03602/940706

Collective Person no. 503 215 058

QUALIFIED HOLDING

Pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17^o of the Portuguese Securities Code, we announce that Banco Espírito Santo Group (BES) holds directly and indirectly, pursuant to the terms of article 20^o of the Portuguese Securities Code, a total of 122,274,074 shares of Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT), equivalent to 9.75% of PT 's share capital.

Considering the 37,910,108 treasury shares held by PT, BES holds 10.05% of the company 's voting rights.

Lisbon, February 9, 2004

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.

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 9, 2004

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Prego

Nuno Prego
Investor Relations Director

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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