

TV AZTECA SA DE CV
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of September 2004

Commission File Number 3337776

TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

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.

TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V.
(Registrant)

Date: September 13, 2004

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TV AZTECA DEFINES ROAD MAP FOR DIGITAL TRANSMISSIONS

First Television Company in Mexico with Plan for
Broadcast Site Upgrades

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mexico City, September 13, 2004 TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V. (NYSE: TZA; BMV: TVAZTCA), one of the two largest producers of Spanish language television programming in the world, presented today its strategy to gradually upgrade its analogue broadcasting stations throughout Mexico into digital transmission sites.

TV Azteca committed before the Mexican Communications and Transport Ministry (SCT) to adopt technological standards for over-the-air digital television under its licenses, recently renewed. Pursuant to its commitment the company will upgrade the 555 over-the-air transmitters of its networks' signal throughout Mexico, on a progressive basis, to allow for digital retransmission into the television households reached by TV Azteca. The company currently beams digital broadcast signal via satellite to its distribution sites in Mexico, and the new strategy will enable TV Azteca to bring the digital signal into its viewers' homes.

The project, approved by the SCT, entails completing digital transmission nationwide by 2021. The schedule for the plan starts with nine of the most important Mexican markets, including Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey, and some major border urban areas, which altogether represent 33 million people. The first set of cities is expected to be upgraded by 2009.

The company noted that its decision to pioneer digital transmission in Mexico reflects TV Azteca's interest to replicate domestically a worldwide trend of improving viewing quality through higher signal definition standards. The company expects that, given its gradual nature, the digital plan does not have any material impact on TV Azteca's annual capex for any given year going forward.

Company Profile

TV Azteca is one of the two largest producers of Spanish language television programming in the world, operating two national television networks in Mexico, Azteca 13 and Azteca 7, through more than 300 owned and operated stations across the country. TV Azteca affiliates include Azteca America Network, a new broadcast television network focused on the rapidly growing US Hispanic market, and Todito.com, an Internet portal for North American Spanish speakers.

Except for historical information, the matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Risks that may affect TV Azteca are identified in its Form 20-F and other filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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