

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 March, 2005

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 launch of Eurobond issue

Lisbon, Portugal, 14 March 2005 - Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT) announced today that it has launched in the international markets, through its wholly-owned subsidiary PT International Finance, a Eurobond issue. The issue will be a three-tranche benchmark transaction with maturities likely to be 7, 12 and 20 years.

The proceeds will be used to pay the Eurobond maturing in February 2006, to fund post retirement obligations, and to provide PT with additional financial flexibility.

Espírito Santo Investment, Banco Português de Investimento, Caixa Geral de Depósitos, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley are joint lead managers. Additionally, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley are joint lead book-runners.

PT has a rating of A3 (stable) by Moody's and A- (stable) by S&P.

This information is also available on PT's IR website <http://ir.telecom.pt>.

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