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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 2008

BCE Inc.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

**Commission File Number: 1-8481** 

1000, rue de La Gauchetière Ouest, Bureau 3700, Montréal, Québec H3B 4Y7, (514) 870-8777

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

BCE Inc.

Date: March 17, 2008 By:

Martine Turcotte Chief Legal Officer

#### MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT

#### Item 1 Name and Address of the Issuer

BCE Inc. (BCE) 1000 de La Gauchetière West, suite 3700 Montréal, Québec H3B 4Y7

#### **Item 2 Date of Material Change**

March 7, 2008

#### **Item 3 News Release**

A press release was disseminated by CNW Telbec on March 7, 2008

### **Item 4 Summary of Material Change**

The Québec Superior Court approved BCE s plan of arrangement for the company s privatization transaction and dismissed all claims asserted by or on behalf of certain holders of Bell Canada debentures.

## **Item 5 Full Description of Material Change**

#### 5.1 Full Description of Material Change

On March 7, 2008, BCE announced that the Québec Superior Court approved BCE s plan of arrangement for the company s privatization transaction and dismissed all claims asserted by or on behalf of certain holders of Bell Canada debentures.

The remaining conditions to the closing of the privatization transaction include the required approvals of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and Industry Canada. Subject to any appeal by the debentureholders and the timing and terms of such an appeal, BCE expects the transaction to close in the first part of the second quarter of 2008.

In the event the debentureholders decide to appeal the Québec Superior Court s judgments, they have agreed the appeal must be filed with the Québec Court of Appeal by March 17, 2008.

#### Recent Announcements

BCE announced on March 17, 2008 that it had been notified that certain holders of Bell Canada debentures, who were contesting the privatization transaction, initiated an appeal of all of the judgments of the Québec Superior Court.

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#### **Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

This material change report contains forward-looking statements relating to the proposed privatization of BCE, legal proceedings related thereto and other statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to important risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, in particular, the inherent uncertainty regarding the conduct, outcome and timing of any litigation. The results or events predicted in these forward-looking statements may differ materially from actual results or events. As a result, we cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will materialize.

The completion of the proposed privatization transaction is subject to a number of terms and conditions, including, without limitation: (i) approval of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and Industry Canada, (ii) resolution of the appeals filed by the debentureholders with regard to the plan of arrangement, and any related stay or injunction that would prevent closing pending resolution of such appeals, and (iii) certain termination rights available to the parties under the definitive agreement dated June 29, 2007, as amended, governing the terms of the transaction. These approvals may not be obtained, the other conditions to the transaction may not be satisfied in accordance with their terms, and/or the parties to the definitive agreement may exercise their termination rights, in which case the proposed privatization transaction could be modified, restructured or terminated, as applicable. Failure to complete the proposed privatization transaction could have a material adverse impact on the market price of BCE s shares.

The forward-looking statements contained in this material change report are made as of the date of the material change and, accordingly, are subject to change after such date. Except as may be required by Canadian securities laws, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this material change report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Additionally, we undertake no obligation to comment on expectations of, or statements made by, third parties in respect of the proposed privatization transaction. For additional information with respect to certain of these and other assumptions and risks, please refer to BCE s 2007 annual MD&A dated March 5, 2008, included in the Bell Canada Enterprises 2007 Annual Report, as well as to the definitive agreement dated June 29, 2007, and BCE s management proxy circular dated August 7, 2007, all filed by BCE with the Canadian securities commissions (available at www.sedar.com) and with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (available at www.sec.gov). These documents are also available on BCE s website at www.bce.ca.

#### 5.2 Disclosure for Restructuring Transactions

N/A

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## Item 6 Reliance on subsection 7.1(2) or (3) of National Instrument 51-102

This report is not being filed on a confidential basis.

## **Item 7 Omitted Information**

None.

# **Item 8 Executive Officer**

Martine Turcotte Chief Legal Officer (514) 786-3891

# **Item 9 Date of Report**

March 17, 2008.