

TELECOM ARGENTINA SA
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

**Solicitation/Recommendation Statement under
Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.

(Name of Subject Company)

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

**Class B Common Shares Par value 1 peso (Class B Shares)
and American Depositary Shares, each representing 5 Class B Shares**

(Title of Class of Securities)

Class B Shares (ISIN ARP9028N1016)
American Depositary Shares (879273209)

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Communications on Behalf of the Person Filing Statement)

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Neither Fintech Telecom, LLC (FTL) nor any of its affiliates has commenced the tender offer to which this communication relates. In connection with the proposed transaction, FTL will file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (the Tender Offer Statement) and Telecom Argentina S.A (TEO) will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement). Investors and security holders are urged to carefully read the Tender Offer Statement and its exhibits and the other related tender offer materials and the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, when they are available and as they may be amended from time to time, before any decision is made with respect to the offer because they will contain important information. U.S. Holders of TEO may obtain a free copy of the Tender Offer Statement and its exhibits and the other related documents (when available) filed by FTL and the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement and other related documents (when available) filed by TEO, in each case, with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

On February 24, 2016, FTL announced in Argentina the promotion of a tender offer in Argentina for all of the outstanding Class B Shares, of TEO listed in the Mercado de Valores de Buenos Aires S.A. that are not already owned, directly or indirectly, by FTL, and on March 8, 2016, FTL acquired a controlling interest in Sofora Telecomunicaciones S.A., an Argentinean corporation (Sofora), which, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Nortel Inversora S.A., an Argentinean corporation (Nortel), indirectly controls TEO.

On March 28, 2016, TEO filed a letter with the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* (the Argentinean Securities Commission or CNV) communicating technical statements made by the Board of Directors of TEO regarding the tender offer. The information set forth in Items 1 through Item 6 of the Current Report on Form 6-K filed by TEO on April 5, 2016 is incorporated herein by reference.

This report may contain forward-looking statements. These statements are statements that are not historical facts, and are based on management's current view and estimates of future economic circumstances, industry conditions, company performance and financial results. The words anticipates , believes , estimates , expects , plans and similar expressions, as they relate to the company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Statements regarding the declaration or payment of dividends, the implementation of principal operating and financing strategies and capital expenditure plans, the direction of future operations and the factors or trends affecting financial condition, liquidity or results of operations are examples of forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of management and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. There is no guarantee that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. The statements are based on many assumptions and factors, including general economic and market conditions, industry conditions, and operating factors. Any changes in such assumptions or factors could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations.
