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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 May, 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 NoX

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.

Open Company
Registered Offices: Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40, Lisbon
Share Capital: Euro 1,166,485,050
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° of the Portuguese Securities Code, we inform that Telexpress Investments Limited holds a total of 23,000,000 shares of Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT), equivalent to 1.97% of PT s share capital.

Considering the treasury shares acquired by PT, announced on 10 May 2005, Telexpress Investments Limited holds 2.04% of PT s voting rights.

Lisbon, 16 May 2005

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: May 17, 2005

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Prego

Nuno Prego Investor Relations Director

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