

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
Form 6-K
July 25, 2008

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 July 2008

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)

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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

Announcement 24 July 2008, Lisbon

Qualified Holding

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT) informs that the Barclays Group now holds more than 2% (two percent) of the voting rights corresponding to the share capital of PT.

Such new holding resulted from the purchase by Barclays Capital Securities Ltd, through an OTC purchase of 9,600,000 (nine million, six hundred thousand) PT ordinary shares made on 2 May 2008. As a result of such transaction, the Barclays Group now holds a total of 20,728,302 (twenty million, seven hundred and twenty eight thousand, three hundred and two) ordinary shares representing 2.20% (two point twenty percent) of PT s share capital and corresponding voting rights.

Additionally, PT was informed that such holding is attributed to the Barclays Group through the following entities:

- > Barclays Capital Securities Ltd: 20,481,905 ordinary shares representing 2.17% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- > Barclays Bank Plc: 108,374 ordinary shares representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- > Barclays Global Investors Canada Ltd: 73,106 ordinary shares representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;

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> Barclays Capital Inc.: 64,917 ordinary shares representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT.

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code, following a communication received from Barclays Plc, with registered office at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom.

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Public company
Share capital _ Euro
28,277,855.31
Registered in the Commercial
Registry Office of Lisbon
and Corporation no. _ 503 215
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Portugal Telecom is listed on the
Euronext and New York Stock
Exchange. Information may be
accessed on the Reuters under
the
symbols PTC.LS and PT and on
Bloomberg under the symbol
PTC PL.

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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.

Date: July 25, 2008

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: */s/ Nuno Vieira*
Nuno Vieira
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