

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 December 2010

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.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

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Qualified Holding and Long Position

Portugal Telecom, SGPS S.A. (PT) informs that TPG-Axon Capital Management, LP (the Management Company) now holds a qualified holding and a long position corresponding to less than 5% of PT 's share capital and corresponding voting rights, as follows:

Qualified Holding

On 21 December 2010, a TPG-Axon (Luxembourg), S.à r.l (the Luxembourg Company) disposed of 7,365,700 PT ordinary shares, over the counter. As a result of such transaction, a qualified holding corresponding to 37,929,088 ordinary shares representing 4.23% of the share capital and voting rights in PT is held by the Luxembourg Company.

Such qualified holding is attributed to the Management Company, which is in a control relationship with Mr. Dinakar Singh, an individual resident in New York, New York, United States of America, as follows.

The equity interests in the Luxembourg Company are held, in 67%, by TPG-Axon Partners, LP (the Onshore Fund), and, in 33%, by TPG-Axon Partners (Offshore), Ltd. (the Offshore Fund). The Luxembourg Company, the Onshore Fund and the Offshore Fund are managed by the Management Company, and TPG-Axon Partners GP, LLC is the general partner of the Management Company and of TPG-Axon Partners GP, L.P., which, in turn, is the general partner of the Onshore Fund. Additionally, the managing member of TPG-Axon GP, LLC is Dinakar Singh LLC, which is held and controlled by Mr. Dinakar Singh.

Long Position

On 21 June 2010, the Onshore Fund and the Offshore Fund became parties to a cash settled call option agreement (Call Options), with a financial position on a total of 6,000,000 shares representing 0.67% of PT 's share capital and voting rights. The Onshore Fund holds a position on 2,280,000 shares representing 0.25% of PT 's share capital and voting rights, and the Offshore Fund holds a position on 3,720,000 shares representing 0.41% of PT 's share capital and voting rights(1)

(1) PT was further informed that the Offshore Fund is carrying out a restructuring within which it has transferred, on 21 December 2010, its ownership interests in the Luxembourg Company and its Call Options to TPG-Axon International, L.P., which is wholly owned by the Offshore Fund.

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and Corporation no. 503 215 058

Portugal Telecom is listed on the
Euronext and New York Stock Exchange.
Information may be accessed on the
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PT was also informed that the parties to the cash settled call option agreement referred to above may settle the Call Options on a certain date and at a price to be determined by reference to the share price of the PT shares, as underlying asset, as agreed between the parties.

In this light, and taking into consideration the qualified holding and the corresponding chain of control described above, the Management Company (which is in a control relationship with Mr. Dinakar Singh) holds a long position on 43,929,088 shares representing 4.90% of PT's share capital and voting rights. (2)

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code and article 2-A of the CMVM Regulation no. 5/2008, following a communication received from TPG-Axon Capital Management, LP, with registered office in New York, New York, United States of America.

(2) Long position: Qualified holding corresponding to 37,929,088 shares representing 4.23% of the share capital and voting rights and Call Options on 6,000,000 shares representing 0.67% of the share capital and voting rights.

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: December 22, 2010

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Vieira
Nuno Vieira
Investor Relations Director

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