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PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Yes No

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Board of Directors of TCP, TCO, TSD, TLE and CRTPart approve Corporate Restructuring

The announced corporate restructuring will concentrate the shareholders in a single listed company, to be named Vivo Participações, S.A., after the approval of the corporate restructuring in an EGM.

The announced transaction should allow those shareholders to participate in a company with greater liquidity, as well as allow for cost savings through a simplified corporate structure and facilitate further synergies within Vivo.

Lisbon, 5 December 2005 - Portugal Telecom (PT) announces that the Boards of Directors of Telesp Celular Participações S.A. (TCP), Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A. (TCO), Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A. (TSD), Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. (TLE) and Celular CRT Participações S.A. (CRTPart), in meetings held on December 4, 2005, approved the proposal to carry out a Corporate Restructuring. The various steps involved in the Restructuring, described herein, will become effective following approval in the respective Extraordinary Shareholders Meetings (EGM) which are scheduled for 8 February 2006.

The Vivo restructuring will consist of the merger of shares of TCO into TCP and the merger of TSD, TLE and CRTPart into TCP, which will be renamed Vivo Participações S.A.

As a consequence of such restructuring, shareholders of the TCO, TSD, TLE and CRTPart will receive shares of TCP, in accordance with the exchange ratios determined based on the respective valuations undertaken by Goldman Sachs & Companhia (laudos de avaliação).

Benefits of restructuring for Shareholders

The Corporate Restructuring, which will result in the concentration of the shareholders in one public company listed on the São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa) and NYSE, should simplify the current organisational structure, reducing costs and creating value for the shareholders. The most relevant benefits include:

> *Consolidation of Vivo's position:* The shareholder restructuring is a logical and natural step in the consolidation of Vivo as the leading Brazilian mobile operator.

> *Simplified Organisation:* The incorporation of the Companies of the Vivo Group simplifies the current organisational structure, allowing an increase in the operational efficiency, a simplification of internal procedures and further transparency in the management of the company as well as the corporative governance of Vivo.

> *Further Synergies:* The shareholder restructuring should generate important synergies.

> *Lower Stock Exchange Fees:* A single listing for Vivo Participações S.A should reduce current costs linked to the maintenance of the listing of the other four listed companies.

> *Increasing Shares Liquidity:* It is expected that the concentration of the current shareholder bases of the companies into one publicly listed company, Vivo Participações, will provide an increase in the share liquidity in the markets in which it is listed, enhancing the liquidity and visibility on the Bovespa and on the NYSE.

Transaction Highlights

The proposed exchange ratios relating to the Corporate Restructuring are as follows:

> 3.0830 new shares or ADSs of TCP for every 1 share or ADS of TCO

> 3.2879 new shares or ADSs of TCP for every 1 share or ADS of TSD

> 3.8998 new shares or ADSs of TCP for every 1 share or ADS of TLE

> 7.0294 new shares of TCP for every 1 share of CRTPart

Holders of voting shares (ON shares) will receive new voting shares, and holders of preferred shares (PN shares) or ADSs representing PN shares will receive new PN shares or ADSs, respectively, of TCP.

The Extraordinary General Meeting to approve the transaction is scheduled to be held on 8 February 2006.

After the Extraordinary General Meeting, upon approval of the transaction, the mergers will become effective. The Companies TSD, TLE and CRTPart will be merged into TCP and will cease to exist. TCO will become wholly-owned subsidiary of TCP.

Holders of ON shares and PN shares of TCP and TSD and ON shares of CRTPart, TLE and TCO that dissent from the Corporate Restructuring will have the appraisal rights with respect to shares they are proven to hold on the date of the communication of the *Fato Relevante* relating to the Corporate Restructuring.

The period to exercise the appraisal rights is 30 days from the date of publication of the minutes of the EGMs. The rights of the shareholders of TCP, TCO, TSD, TLE and CRTPart will remain unchanged in relation to interest on shareholders' equity and dividends relating to the fiscal year of 2005, if the companies have a profit balance to distribute. In this regard, the Boards of Directors of TCO, TSD and CRTPart approved in the meetings held on 4 December 2005 the payment of interest on shareholders' equity, and the Boards of TCO and CRTPart also approved

the payment of dividends, in each case related to the fiscal year of 2005, assuring to the shareholders the payment of the minimum mandatory dividends contemplated in the bylaws for the fiscal year of 2005.

The new TCP shares (ON and PN) which will be issued in substitution for the TCO, TSD, TLE and CRTPart shares, will have the same rights that the outstanding TCP ON and PN shares have today.

Advisors and appraisers

Goldman Sachs was retained by TCP as the investment bank responsible for providing the economic valuation reports of TCP, TCO, TSD, CRTPart and TLE (laudos de avaliação), which were the basis for the Board of Directors of TCP to define the exchange ratios for the proposed mergers.

Merrill Lynch was hired by TCP to advise it on aspects of the transactions, while BES was hired by PT to advise it on certain aspects of the transaction. UBS was hired by TCO, TSD, CRTPart and TLE to act as their financial advisor in connection with the transactions.

Planconsult Planejamento e Consultoria was hired by TCP and was responsible for providing the Vivo Companies valuation according to the book values at market prices.

Machado, Meyer, Sendacz, Opice Advogados and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, were hired by the Vivo companies to provide legal advice on the transaction.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes, the Vivo Companies independent auditors, were retained to audit the financial statements which have been used to determine certain accounting values necessary for the transactions.

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