

TELEFONICA S A  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March, 2006

Commission File Number: 001-09531

Telefónica, S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Gran Vía, 28

28013 Madrid, Spain

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Telefonica S.A., as provided in article 82 of the Spanish Securities Market Act (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*), hereby reports the following

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

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The Executive Committee of TELEFÓNICA, S.A., at its meeting held today March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, has resolved to ratify the start of negotiations aimed at achieving a possible merger between TELEFÓNICA, S.A. (as acquiring company) and TELEFÓNICA MÓVILES, S.A. (as acquired company), as was announced to the markets yesterday. Today TELEFÓNICA S.A. has issued the relevant invitation to TELEFÓNICA MÓVILES to begin the negotiations.

As was indicated in yesterday's report of significant event, the exchange ratio proposed by TELEFÓNICA, S.A. as basis for negotiations is 4 shares of TELEFÓNICA, S.A. of 1 Euro nominal value each for every 5 shares of TELEFÓNICA MÓVILES, S.A. of 0,5 Euro nominal value each. It is likewise repeated that should the transaction proceed in accordance with the proposed terms, the Board of Directors of TELEFÓNICA S.A. will propose to its General Shareholders' Meeting an increase of its share capital of a maximum of 261,320,118 shares, deducting, if applicable, the number of shares owned as treasury stock by TELEFÓNICA S.A. .

Telefónica likewise reports that the proposed operation will not affect the share buyback programme planned for 2007.

Madrid, March 17<sup>th</sup> , 2006

SIGNATURES

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.

		Telefónica, S.A.	
Date:	March 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	By:	/s/ Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García- Ovies
		Name:	Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García- Ovies
		Title:	General Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Directors