

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 March 2011

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
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(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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Update on PT's investment in and strategic partnership with Oi - conclusion of the transaction

Following the announcement regarding Portugal Telecom's (PT) investment in and strategic partnership with Oi and the completion of the capital increase launched by Oi, PT informs that it has acquired a direct and indirect stake of 25.28% in Telemar Norte Leste (TMAR) for a cash consideration of R\$ 8.32 billion.

As a result of the capital increases undertaken as part of PT's investment in Oi, Telemar Norte Leste's (TNL) pro-forma net debt for 2010 was reduced by R\$ 6.0 billion to R\$ 12.7 billion and pro-forma net debt to EBITDA now stands at 1.2x, thus enhancing significantly Oi's financial profile.

As previously stated the corporate governance rights attributed to PT will allow the proportional consolidation of its 25.6% direct and indirect stake in Telemar Participações S.A. (TmarPart), which fully consolidates TNL and TMAR. This proportional consolidation will take place from 1 April 2011.

PT's investment in Oi is structured as follows: (1) a 35% stake in AG Telecom Participações S.A. (AG); (2) a 35% stake in LF Tel S.A. (LF); (3) a 12.07% stake in TmarPart; (4) a 10.49% stake in TNL, and (5) a 9.43% stake in TMAR. These combined investments equate to a 25.28% direct and indirect stake in TMAR of which around two thirds are held directly in listed companies, as detailed below:

	PT		AG		LF		TmarPart		TNL		Others		Total
(Thousand shares)	# Shares	% Shares	# Shares	% Shares	# Shares	% Shares	# Shares	% Shares	# Shares	% Shares	# Shares	% Shares	# Shares %
AG													
Common		35.0%		n/a		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%			65.0%
LF													
Common		35.0%		0.0%		n/a		0.0%		0.0%			65.0%
TmarPart													
Common		12.1%		19.3%		19.3%		n/a		0.0%			49.2%
TNL													
Common	20,752	11.3%		0.0%		0.0%	103,814	56.4%	n/a	n/a	59,442	32.3%	184,008
Preferred	28,299	10.0%	11,413	4.0%	11,413	4.0%		0.0%	n/a	n/a	232,342	82.0%	283,466
Total	49,051	10.5%	11,413	2.4%	11,413	2.4%	103,814	22.2%	n/a	n/a	291,784	62.4%	467,474
TMAR													
Common		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	150,971	98.0%	3,061	2.0%	154,032
Preferred	32,476	17.1%	11,240	5.9%	11,240	5.9%	13,079	6.9%	91,250	48.0%	30,956	16.3%	190,241
Total	32,476	9.4%	11,240	3.3%	11,240	3.3%	13,079	3.8%	242,221	70.4%	34,017	9.9%	344,273

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, SA

Public company

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Share capital Euro 26,895,375

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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PT's Economic Interest in TMAR

Through AG	3.1%
Through LF	3.1%
Through TmarPart	2.3%
Through TNL	7.4%
Direct in TMAR	9.4%
Total	25.3%

PT has also concluded the acquisition of a 16.2% stake in CTX for R\$ 116 million. As a result of this purchase, PT has acquired a direct and indirect stake (via AG and LF) of 42.0% in CTX, which will be proportionally consolidated as from 1 April 2011. CTX fully consolidates Contax. As previously announced, the next step of this transaction includes the merger of Dedic/GPTI with Contax. According to Brazilian securities regulation governing transactions an independent committee will be created to analyse the proposed exchange ratio and make a recommendation to Contax's Board of Directors. The merger is subject to Board of Directors and Shareholders approval at both companies.

Final closing of both transactions announced today will take place up to or on 1 April 2011.

Following the merger, considering the proposed exchange ratio, CTX will acquire R\$ 49.7 million in Contax shares held by PT, PT will subscribe a capital increase in CTX using Contax's shares and Contax will repay R\$ 162.6 million intercompany loans that Dedic/GPTI has with PT. As a result, PT will hold a direct and indirect stake in CTX of 44.4%, which will then be proportionally consolidated.

Upon completion of both Oi's and Contax's transactions, PT will proportionally consolidate 25.6% of Oi and 44.4% of CTX and the total combined investment will stand at R\$ 8.2 billion, with an implied EV/2010 EBITDA multiple of 5.8x.

Following these transactions, PT will continue to benefit from a robust balance sheet and significant financial flexibility, with a cash flow profile consistent with its attractive shareholder remuneration policy and an investment grade rating.

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: March 28, 2011

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

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

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