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Telecom Argentina S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Market Cap P\$ 15,1 billion
July 30th, 2012

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Telecom Argentina S.A. announces
consolidated six month period (1H12) and second quarter
results for fiscal year 2012 (2Q12)*

Consolidated Revenues amounted to P\$10,380 million (+21% vs. 1H11); Fixed Internet +27% vs. 1H11; Fixed Data +25% vs. 1H11; and Mobile business in Argentina +24% vs. 1H11.

Mobile subscribers in Argentina: 18.7 million; +1.3 million (+8% vs. 1H11).

Mobile Value Added Services in Argentina (Internet and Data): +39% vs. 1H11; 52% of Service Revenues.

Mobile ARPU reached P\$54,6 per month in 1H12 (+13% vs. 1H11).

ADSL ARPU increased to P\$96,1 per month in 1H12 (+14% vs. 1H11); monthly churn remained stable at 1.2% in 1H11.

Operating Profit Before Depreciation and Amortization (OPBDA) reached P\$3,139 million (+8% vs. 1H11), 30% of Net Revenues.

Operating Profit amounted to P\$1,882 million.

Net Income amounted to P\$1,294 million (+1% vs. 1H11). Net Income attributable to Telecom Argentina amounted P\$1,275 million (+1% vs. 1H11).

Net Cash Position: P\$2,223 million, an increase of P\$987 million vs. 1H11 due to the cash generation and Telecom Argentina's cash dividend payment of P\$807 million.

Capex reached P\$1,345 million in 1H12 (+25% vs. 1H11), 13% of Consolidated Revenues.

| <i>(in million P\$, except where noted)</i> | As of June, 30 | | | |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| | 2012 | 2011 | D \$ | D % |
| Revenues | 10,380 | 8,584 | 1,796 | 21% |

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|---|--------|--------|-------|-----|
| Fixed Services | 2,877 | 2,555 | 322 | 13% |
| Mobile Services | 7,503 | 6,029 | 1,474 | 24% |
| Operating Profit before D&A | 3,139 | 2,905 | 234 | 8% |
| Operating Profit | 1,882 | 1,929 | (47) | -2% |
| Net Income attributable to Telecom Argentina | 1,275 | 1,261 | 14 | 1% |
| Shareholders' equity attributable to Telecom Argentina | 8,503 | 6,790 | 1,713 | 25% |
| Net Financial Position - Cash | 2,223 | 1,236 | 987 | 80% |
| CAPEX | 1,345 | 1,076 | 269 | 25% |
| Fixed lines in service (in thousand lines) | 4,148 | 4,119 | 29 | 1% |
| Mobile customers (in thousand) | 20,965 | 19,375 | 1,590 | 8% |
| Personal (Argentina) | 18,723 | 17,392 | 1,331 | 8% |
| Núcleo (Paraguay) including Wimax customers- | 2,242 | 1,983 | 259 | 13% |
| Broadband accesses (in thousand) | 1,594 | 1,457 | 137 | 9% |
| Fixed line traffic (in MM minutes, Internet & Public Telephony not incl.) | 6,910 | 7,310 | (400) | -5% |
| Incoming/Outgoing mobile voice traffic in Arg. (in MM minutes) | 10,621 | 9,831 | 790 | 8% |
| Average Billing per user (ARBU) Fixed Telephony/voice (in P\$) | 47.2 | 44.7 | 2.5 | 5% |
| Average Revenue per user (ARPU) Mobile Services in Arg. (in P\$) | 54.6 | 48.3 | 6.3 | 13% |
| Average Revenue per user (ARPU) ADSL (in P\$) | 96.1 | 84.1 | 12 | 14% |

Unaudited non financial data

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Buenos Aires, July 30, 2012 Telecom Argentina (Telecom) (NYSE: TEO; BASE: TECO2), one of Argentina's leading telecommunications companies, announced today a Net Income of P\$1,294 million for the six months period ended June 30, 2012, or +1% when compared to the same period last year. Net income attributable to Telecom Argentina amounted to P\$1,275 million (+1% vs. 1H11).

| | 1H12 | 1H11 | D \$ | D % |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| Consolidated Revenues (MMP\$) | 10,380 | 8,584 | 1,796 | 21% |
| Net Income attributable to Telecom (MMP\$) | 1,275 | 1,261 | 14 | 1% |
| Earnings per Share (P\$) | 1.30 | 1.28 | 0.02 | |
| Earnings per ADR (P\$) | 6.48 | 6.41 | 0.07 | |
| OPBDA * | 30% | 34% | | |
| Operating Profit * | 18% | 22% | | |
| Net Income* | 12% | 15% | | |

* As a percentage of Consolidated Revenues

During 1H12, Consolidated Revenues increased by 21% to P\$10,380 million (+P\$1,796 million vs. 1H11), mainly fueled by the Mobile Services, Broadband business and Fixed Data. Moreover, Operating Profit amounted P\$1,882 million (-P\$47 million vs. 1H11).

Consolidated Operating Revenues

Mobile Services

Clients continued to increase in 1H12, reaching 21 million as of the end of June 2012, representing an increase of 1.6 million (+8%) since June 30, 2011.

The actions developed to increase the usage of value added services (VAS), such as innovative offers to clients and equipments sales, allowed Personal to increase consolidated revenues to third parties to P\$7,503 million (+24% vs. 1H11).

Mobile Customers &
Revenues in Argentina

(in billion P\$)

Telecom Personal in Argentina

As of June 30, 2012, Personal reached 18.7 million subscribers in Argentina (+8% or 1.3 million vs. 1H11), improving its market position. It is worth noting that the overall subscriber base mix continued to improve with 32% in the postpaid modality (+14% vs. 1H11).

Total Mobile Traffic

(in billion minutes)

In 1H12, Revenues to third parties reached P\$7,100 million (+P\$1,393 million or 24% vs. 1H11) while Service Revenues (excluding equipment) amounted to P\$6,222 million (+23% vs. 1H11), with 52% corresponding to value-added services (VAS) revenues (vs. 46% in 1H11). VAS revenues strongly increased by 39% vs.1H11.

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During 1H12, the overall traffic of voice minutes increased by 8% vs. 1H11. SMS traffic (incoming and outgoing charged messages) continued to increase, although at a slower pace of growth, due to other Internet alternatives provided by Personal. The traffic climbed to a monthly average of 5,401 million in 1H12 from 5,291 million messages in 1H11 (+2% vs. 1H11). Due to this increase in traffic and VAS usage, Average Monthly Revenue per User (ARPU) increased to P\$54,6 during 1H12 (+13% vs. 1H11).

Initiatives

The Company is rolling out a state of the art technological plan, in order to develop its network infrastructure, renewing its mobile access network, which will allow to improve mobile data services and the capacity to transmit data in a more efficient way.

Personal continued with its strategy in terms of service convenience, through special promotions in prepaid credit recharges and the new packages to improve customer satisfaction. In accordance with these initiatives, Personal launched a new offer where postpaid customers can make use of the unused minutes from the previous month. Mobile consumption of Telecom Personal in Argentina

A strong focus was given to handset upgrades, through the development of segmented and customized campaigns to foster the usage of value added services. By these means Personal continued to be the leader in smartphone s sales share.

Personal continued with its brand positioning associated with music by sponsoring several events, such as "Personal Pop Festival", that were strengthened with dedicated offers and customer retention actions.

Telecom Personal in Paraguay (Núcleo)

Nucleo s subscriber base reached 2.2 million clients (+13% vs. 1H11). Prepaid and postpaid customers represented 82% and 18%, respectively.

Despite the drought and the political events, Personal s subsidiary in Paraguay generated revenues equivalent to P\$403 million during 1H12 (+25% vs. 1H11) driven by a growing market where Nucleo developed innovative commercial offers and was leader in the mobile internet market. Moreover, the level of ARPU reached approximately Gs.27,000 in 1H12, vs. Gs.26,000 one year ago. VAS represented 47% of 1H12 service revenues.

Fixed Services (Voice, Data Transmission & Internet)

Lines service & Revenues

During 1H12 revenues generated by fixed services amounted to P\$2,877 million, +13% vs. 1H11; with Internet (+27% vs. 1H11) and Data revenues (+25% vs. 1H11) growing the most in relative terms in this segment.

(in MM\$)

Voice

Total Revenues for this service reached P\$1,575 million in 1H12 (+5% vs. 1H11). The results of this line of business continued to be affected by frozen tariffs of regulated services enforced by the Argentine Government in 2002.

Revenues generated by Measured Services totaled P\$606 million, an increase of P\$32 million or +6% vs. 1H11 mainly due to the incorporation of flat rate packs with local calls.

Traffic

(in billion minutes)

Monthly Charges and Supplementary Services reached P\$537 million, an increase of P\$41 million or +8% vs. 1H11, as a consequence of a higher number of lines in service (+1%), which surpassed 4.1 million, and to the increasing penetration of Value Added Services.

The average monthly bill per user (ARBU) reached P\$47,2 in 1H12 vs. P\$44,7 in 1H11.

Interconnection revenues reached P\$253 million (+1% vs. 1H11). Meanwhile, other revenues totaled P\$179 million (-4% vs. 1H11).

During 2Q12, Telecom Argentina launched a massive campaign to boost the sales of handsets for high and medium segments.

Data Transmission and Internet

Revenues related to Internet totaled P\$925 million (+ P\$198 million or +27% vs. 1H11), mainly due to the continued expansion of broadband services.

Broadband Accesses & Revenues

Data transmission revenues amounted to P\$338 million (+25% vs. 1H11), where the focus was to strengthen Telecom's position as an integrated ICT provider.

As of June 30, 2012, Telecom surpassed 1.5 million ADSL accesses (+9% vs. 1H11). These connections represented 38% of Telecom's fixed lines in service. In addition, ADSL ARPU reached approximately P\$96 in 1H12, +14% when compared to 1H11 and the *churn* rate remained stable at 1.2% in 1H12 vs. 1H11 continuing at low levels.

During 1H12, Telecom Argentina launched the campaign *Reputación* offering a new Facebook application. This promotion offers Arnet 6Mb WIFI with Arnet Móvil (mobile internet) during six months with the possibility to extend the promotion to twelve months if the application was through online feature.

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In 1H12 Telecom Argentina launched cloud computing services for corporate ICT allowing virtual access to data center resources.

Telecom Argentina is the Official Sponsor of the Argentine Olympic Delegation in London 2012 providing communications services to participants and members of the team.

Consolidated Costs

% Revenues

Consolidated Operating Costs

The Cost of Services Provided, General & Administrative Expenses and Selling Expenses, excluding Gains on disposal of PP&E, totaled P\$8,508 million in 1H12, an increase of P\$1,822 million, or +27% vs. 1H11. The increase is a consequence of higher commercial costs due to a higher volume of revenues, the inflationary effects in the general cost structure, and greater expenses related to intense competition in the industry.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

- Employee benefit expenses and severance payments totaled P\$1,492 million (+31% vs. 1H11), mainly affected by increases in salaries due to the labor agreement reached in July 2011, the increase in the number of employees and the increase in salaries for non unionized employees. Total headcount at the end of the period totaled 16,782 employees (including temporary and eventual employees), 544 employees were incorporated in the mobile business and 151 employees in the fixed services, compared to 1H11.

- Taxes and fees with the regulatory authority reached P\$940 million (+25% vs. 1H11), impacted mainly by a higher volume of revenues, an increase in the average rates of turnover taxes, by higher bank debit and credit taxes, and by higher taxes in municipal jurisdictions.

- Interconnection costs and other telecommunication charges (includes TLRD, Roaming, Interconnection, international settlement charges and lease of circuits) amounted to P\$805 million, +P\$84 million vs. 1H11. This increase resulted from higher roaming charges partially compensated by savings from stimulating *on-net* traffic among mobile clients and by renegotiating the lease of wireless backhaul equipment.

- Commissions (Commissions paid to Agents, prepaid card commissions and others) totaled P\$900 million (+29% vs. 1H11), net of capitalization of SAC of P\$153 million (+56% vs. 1H11), mainly due to the increase in commissions paid to commercial agents associated with higher revenues from the sale of more sophisticated handsets with the aim of gaining fidelity from clients.

- Advertising amounted to P\$314 million (+22% vs. 1H11), oriented towards supporting the commercial activity in mobile and Internet services and to strengthening the brands of the Telecom Group through the rebranding communication efforts of the Personal brand. A significant portion of this increase was also due to the launch of Mobile Number of Portability

- Cost of handsets sold totaled P\$959 million (+28% vs. 1H11), net of capitalization of SAC of P\$244 (+17% vs. 1H11), due to an increase in high-end handsets sales and a higher number of handset upgrades (+49%), performed to stimulate VAS usage. These effects resulted in the increase of the average cost of handsets.

D&A

(in billion P\$)

- Fees for services maintenance and materials amounted to \$1,010 million (+27% vs. 1H11), principally due to increased efforts to improve customer services through focusing on call centers and the increase of labor related costs that are involved in these services.

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- Depreciations and Amortizations reached P\$1,258 million (+27% vs. 1H11). PP&E amounted P\$867 million (+22% vs. 1H11); SAC and services connection cost totaled P\$380 million (+40% vs. 1H11); and other intangible assets reached P\$11 million.

- Others Costs totaled P\$830 million (+45% vs. 1H11). This increase was mainly due to general increases in public services such as electricity and water reaching P\$151 in 1H12 (+99% vs. 1H11), affected by the elimination of Government subsidies and Bad debt expenses increased +76% vs. 1H11, while provisions expenses decreased -3% vs. 1H11.

Consolidated Financial Results

Financial Results resulted in a gain of P\$112 million, an increase of P\$95 million vs. 1H11. This was mainly due to a gain in net financial interest of P\$125 million in 1H12 (+P\$105 million vs. 1H11) derived from a healthy financial position and to losses for FX results of P\$16 million in 1H12 (vs. losses of P\$2 million in 1H11) as a result of a higher depreciation of the peso.

Consolidated Net Financial Position

As of June 30, 2012, Net Financial Position (Cash, Cash Equivalents and current Investments minus Loans) totaled P\$2,223 million in cash, an improvement of P\$987 million vs. Net Financial Position as of June 2011, after the cash dividend payment of P\$807 million done by Telecom in May 2012.

Capital Expenditures

During 1H12, the Company invested P\$1,345 million. This amount was allocated to Fixed Services (P\$549 million) and Mobile services (P\$796 million). In relative terms, capex reached 13% of consolidated revenues.

In the mobile business, Telecom continued its broad 3G network deployment with the intention of extending coverage and simultaneously increasing its capacity, through non conventional solutions that facilitate a faster deployment. Main capital expenditures in the fixed business are focused on replacing copper with fiber in the approach to the cabinets (FTTC), improving residential fixed broadband bandwidth and making new services available. Moreover, efforts to satisfy increasing data traffic and secure our backbone network are being approached in a convergent way, concerning both mobile and fixed networks

Other Relevant Matters

On May 10th Telecom Argentina distributed a cash dividend payment of P\$807 million, equivalent to P\$0.82 per share or P\$4.10 per ADR.

Financial Results

(in million P\$)

| | 1H11 | 1H12 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net Interests | \$ 20 | \$125 |
| FX results | -\$ 2 | -\$ 16 |
| Others | -\$ 1 | \$ 3 |
| Total | \$ 17 | \$112 |

Net Financial Position Cash

(in billion P\$)

Capex

(In Billion P\$)

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Telecom is the parent company of a leading telecommunications group in Argentina, where it offers, either itself or through its controlled subsidiaries local and long distance fixed-line telephony, cellular, data transmission and Internet services, among other services. Additionally, through a controlled subsidiary, the Telecom Group offers cellular services in Paraguay. The Company commenced operations on November 8, 1990, upon the Argentine government's transfer of the telecommunications system in the northern region of Argentina.

Nortel Inversora S.A. (Nortel), which acquired the majority of the Company from the Argentine government, holds 54.74% of Telecom's common stock. Nortel is a holding company whose common stock (approximately 78% of capital stock) is owned by Sofora Telecomunicaciones S.A. Additionally, Nortel capital stock is comprised of preferred shares that are held by minority shareholders.

As of June 30, 2012, Telecom continued to have 984,380,978 shares outstanding.

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(Financial tables follow)

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TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.**Consolidated information***Six months Period and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012***(In millions of Argentine pesos)****1- Consolidated Balance Sheet**

| | 06/30/12 | 12/31/11 | D \$ | D % |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2,356 | 2,818 | (462) | -16% |
| Trade receivables | 1,852 | 1,790 | 62 | 3% |
| Other Receivables | 1,069 | 842 | 227 | 27% |
| Total current assets | 5,277 | 5,450 | (173) | -3% |
| Trade receivables | 27 | 30 | (3) | -10% |
| Property, plant and equipment | 8,331 | 8,247 | 84 | 1% |
| Intangible assets | 1,526 | 1,488 | 38 | 3% |
| Other Receivables | 128 | 104 | 24 | 23% |
| Total non-current assets | 10,012 | 9,869 | 143 | 1% |
| Total Assets | 15,289 | 15,319 | (30) | 0% |
| Trade payables | 3,179 | 3,407 | (228) | -7% |
| Deferred revenues | 363 | 292 | 71 | 24% |
| Financial debt | 31 | 19 | 12 | 63% |
| Salaries and social security payables | 512 | 536 | (24) | -4% |
| Income tax payables | 351 | 605 | (254) | -42% |
| Other taxes payables | 445 | 457 | (12) | -3% |
| Dividend Payable | 10 | 0 | 10 | |
| Other liabilities | 38 | 30 | 8 | 27% |
| Provisions | 90 | 173 | (83) | -48% |
| Total current liabilities | 5,019 | 5,519 | (500) | -9% |
| Deferred revenues | 308 | 307 | 1 | 0% |
| Financial debt | 102 | 115 | (13) | -11% |
| Salaries and social security payables | 127 | 136 | (9) | -7% |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 171 | 210 | (39) | -19% |
| Income tax payables | 13 | 13 | | |
| Other liabilities | 72 | 72 | | |
| Provisions | 827 | 782 | 45 | 6% |
| Total non-current liabilities | 1,620 | 1,635 | (15) | -1% |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 6,639 | 7,154 | (515) | -7% |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Parent | 8,503 | 8,021 | 482 | 6% |
| Noncontrolling interest | 147 | 144 | 3 | 2% |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 8,650 | 8,165 | 485 | 6% |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | 15,289 | 15,319 | (30) | 0% |

2- Consolidated Loans

| | 06/30/12 | 12/31/11 | D \$ | D % |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Banks and other financial Institutions | 29 | 17 | 12 | 71% |
| Accrued interest | 2 | 2 | | |
| Total Current Loans | 31 | 19 | 12 | 63% |
| Banks and other financial institutions | 102 | 115 | (13) | -11% |

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|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total Non Current Loans | 102 | 115 | (13) | -11% |
| Total Loans | 133 | 134 | (1) | -1% |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2,356 | 2,818 | (462) | -16% |
| Net Financial Position Cash | 2,223 | 2,684 | (461) | -17% |

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.**Consolidated information****Six months Period and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012****(In millions of Argentine pesos)****3- Consolidated Income Statements****Six Months Comparison**

| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Revenues | 10,380 | 8,584 | 1,796 | 21% |
| Other income | 9 | 17 | (8) | -47% |
| Total Revenues & Other Income | 10,389 | 8,601 | 1,788 | 21% |
| Consolidated Operating Costs | (8,508) | (6,686) | (1,822) | 27% |
| Gains on disposal of PP&E | 1 | 14 | (13) | -93% |
| Operating income | 1,882 | 1,929 | (47) | -2% |
| Finance results, net | 112 | 17 | 95 | |
| Net income before income tax expense | 1,994 | 1,946 | 48 | 2% |
| Income tax expense | (700) | (670) | (30) | 4% |
| Net income | 1,294 | 1,276 | 18 | 1% |
| Attributable to: | | | | |
| Owners of the Parent | 1,275 | 1,261 | 14 | 1% |
| Noncontrolling interest | 19 | 15 | 4 | 27% |
| Operating income before D&A | 3,139 | 2,905 | 234 | 8% |
| As % of Revenues | 30.2% | 33.8% | | |

| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Finance Income and Expenses | | | | |
| <i>Finance Income</i> | | | | |
| Interest on cash equivalents | 133 | 47 | 86 | 183% |
| Interest on receivables | 43 | 31 | 12 | 39% |
| Foreign currency exchange gains | 62 | 33 | 29 | 88% |
| Others | 25 | 5 | 20 | |
| Total finance income | 263 | 116 | 147 | 127% |
| <i>Finance expenses</i> | | | | |
| Interest on financial debt | (7) | (8) | 1 | -13% |
| Interest on taxes and accounts payable | (3) | (6) | 3 | -50% |
| Interest on provisions | (44) | (44) | | 0% |
| Loss on discounting of other liabilities | (15) | (4) | (11) | |
| Foreign currency exchange losses | (78) | (35) | (43) | 123% |
| Others | (4) | (2) | (2) | 100% |
| Total finance expenses | (151) | (99) | (52) | 53% |
| | 112 | 17 | 95 | |

4- Consolidated Income Statements**Three Months Comparison**

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| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Revenues | 5,254 | 4,450 | 804 | 18% |
| Other income | 5 | 7 | (2) | -29% |
| Total Revenues & Other Income | 5,259 | 4,457 | 802 | 18% |
| Consolidated Operating Costs | (4,410) | (3,495) | (915) | 26% |
| Gains on disposal of PP&E | | 9 | (9) | -100% |
| Operating income | 849 | 971 | (122) | -13% |
| Finance results, net | 51 | (2) | 53 | |
| Net income before income tax expense | 900 | 969 | (69) | -7% |
| Income tax expense | (314) | (333) | 19 | -6% |
| Net income | 586 | 636 | (50) | -8% |
| Attributable to: | | | | |
| Owners of the Parent | 577 | 627 | (50) | -8% |
| Noncontrolling interest | 9 | 9 | | |
| Operating income before D&A | 1,492 | 1,474 | 18 | 1% |
| As % of Revenues | 28.4% | 33.1% | | |

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.

Consolidated information

Six months Period and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012

(In millions of Argentine pesos)

5- BREAKDOWN OF THE THE INCOME STATEMENTS

Six Months Comparison

| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| <u>REVENUES FROM SERVICES</u> | 9,450 | 7,864 | 1,586 | 20% |
| <i>Fixed Services</i> | 2,838 | 2,505 | 333 | 13% |
| Voice | 1,575 | 1,507 | 68 | 5% |
| Retail Voice | 1,218 | 1,147 | 71 | 6% |
| Monthly Charges | 537 | 496 | 41 | 8% |
| Measured Services | 606 | 574 | 32 | 6% |
| Others | 75 | 77 | (2) | -3% |
| Wholesale | 357 | 360 | (3) | -1% |
| Interconnection | 253 | 250 | 3 | 1% |
| Others | 104 | 110 | (6) | -5% |
| Data | 338 | 271 | 67 | 25% |
| Internet | 925 | 727 | 198 | 27% |
| <i>Mobiles Sevices</i> | 6,612 | 5,359 | 1,253 | 23% |
| <i>Telecom Personal</i> | 6,222 | 5,050 | 1,172 | 23% |
| Voice | 3,000 | 2,725 | 275 | 10% |
| Retail Voice | 2,137 | 1,896 | 241 | 13% |
| Monthly Charges | 1,018 | 797 | 221 | 28% |
| Measured Services | 940 | 959 | -19 | -2% |
| Roaming | 91 | 70 | 21 | 30% |
| Others | 88 | 70 | 18 | 26% |
| Wholesale | 863 | 829 | 34 | 4% |
| Interconnection (CPP and TLRD) | 751 | 716 | 35 | 5% |
| Roaming | 101 | 104 | (3) | -3% |
| Others | 11 | 9 | 2 | 22% |
| Data | 2,653 | 2,011 | 642 | 32% |
| Internet | 569 | 314 | 255 | 81% |
| <i>Núcleo</i> | 390 | 309 | 81 | 26% |
| Voice | 205 | 167 | 38 | 23% |
| Retail Voice | 167 | 137 | 30 | 22% |
| Monthly Charges | 48 | 40 | 8 | 20% |
| Measured Services | 111 | 88 | 23 | 26% |
| Roaming | 3 | 3 | | 0% |
| Others | 5 | 6 | (1) | -17% |
| Wholesale | 38 | 30 | 8 | 27% |
| Interconnection (CPP and TLRD) | 31 | 27 | 4 | 15% |
| Roaming | 7 | 1 | 6 | |
| Others | | 2 | (2) | -100% |
| Data | 126 | 115 | 11 | 10% |
| Internet | 59 | 27 | 32 | 119% |

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|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| <u>REVENUES FROM EQUIPMENT SALES</u> | 930 | 720 | 210 | 29% |
| <i>Fixed Services</i> | 39 | 50 | (11) | -22% |
| Voice | 26 | 22 | 4 | 18% |
| Data | 10 | 26 | (16) | -62% |
| Internet | 3 | 2 | 1 | 50% |
| <i>Mobiles Sevices</i> | 891 | 670 | 221 | 33% |
| Equipments (Personal) | 878 | 657 | 221 | 34% |
| Equipments (Núcleo) | 13 | 13 | | 0% |
| <u>REVENUES</u> | 10,380 | 8,584 | 1,796 | 21% |
| <u>OTHER INCOME</u> | 9 | 17 | (8) | -47% |
| Fixed | 7 | 12 | (5) | -42% |
| Mobile | 2 | 5 | (3) | -60% |
| <u>TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER INCOME</u> | 10,389 | 8,601 | 1,788 | 21% |

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.**Consolidated information****Six months Period and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012****(In millions of Argentine pesos)****6- BREAKDOWN OF THE INCOME STATEMENTS**

Three Months Comparison

| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| <u>REVENUES FROM SERVICES</u> | 4,753 | 4,069 | 684 | 17% |
| <i>Fixed Services</i> | 1,435 | 1,282 | 153 | 12% |
| Voice | 793 | 768 | 25 | 3% |
| Retail Voice | 611 | 584 | 27 | 5% |
| Monthly Charges | 268 | 251 | 17 | 7% |
| Measured Services | 307 | 295 | 12 | 4% |
| Others | 36 | 38 | (2) | -5% |
| Wholesale | 182 | 184 | (2) | -1% |
| Interconnection | 129 | 129 | | 0% |
| Others | 53 | 55 | (2) | -4% |
| Data | 175 | 136 | 39 | 29% |
| Internet | 467 | 378 | 89 | 24% |
| <i>Mobiles Sevices</i> | 3,318 | 2,787 | 531 | 19% |
| <u>Telecom Personal</u> | 3,121 | 2,618 | 503 | 19% |
| Voice | 1,498 | 1,402 | 96 | 7% |
| Retail Voice | 1,060 | 984 | 76 | 8% |
| Monthly Charges | 521 | 413 | 108 | 26% |
| Measured Services | 467 | 497 | -30 | -6% |
| Roaming | 24 | 34 | -10 | -29% |
| Others | 48 | 40 | 8 | 20% |
| Wholesale | 438 | 418 | 20 | 5% |
| Interconnection (CPP and TLRD) | 378 | 368 | 10 | 3% |
| Roaming | 55 | 47 | 8 | 17% |
| Others | 5 | 3 | 2 | 67% |
| Data | 1,330 | 1,055 | 275 | 26% |
| Internet | 293 | 161 | 132 | 82% |
| <u>Núcleo</u> | 197 | 169 | 28 | 17% |
| Voice | 101 | 91 | 10 | 11% |
| Retail Voice | 81 | 75 | 6 | 8% |
| Monthly Charges | 24 | 22 | 2 | 9% |
| Measured Services | 54 | 48 | 6 | 13% |
| Roaming | 1 | 1 | | 0% |
| Others | 2 | 4 | -2 | -50% |
| Wholesale | 20 | 16 | 4 | 25% |
| Interconnection (CPP and TLRD) | 15 | 15 | | 0% |
| Roaming | 5 | (1) | 6 | |
| Others | | 2 | (2) | -100% |
| Data | 63 | 63 | | 0% |
| Internet | 33 | 15 | 18 | 120% |
| <u>REVENUES FROM EQUIPMENT SALES</u> | 501 | 381 | 120 | 31% |
| <i>Fixed Services</i> | 21 | 22 | (1) | -5% |

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|---|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Voice | 14 | 13 | 1 | 8% |
| Data | 5 | 8 | (3) | -38% |
| Internet | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| <i>Mobiles Sevices</i> | 480 | 359 | 121 | 34% |
| Equipments (Personal) | 473 | 354 | 119 | 34% |
| Equipments (Núcleo) | 7 | 5 | 2 | 40% |
| <u>REVENUES</u> | 5,254 | 4,450 | 804 | 18% |
| <u>OTHER INCOME</u> | 5 | 7 | (2) | -29% |
| Fixed | 4 | 7 | (3) | -43% |
| Mobile | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| <u>TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER INCOME</u> | 5,259 | 4,457 | 802 | 18% |

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.**Consolidated information****Six months Period and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012****(In millions of Argentine pesos)****7- CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS**

Six Months Comparison

| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Revenues | 10,380 | 8,584 | 1,796 | 21% |
| Other income | 9 | 17 | (8) | -47% |
| Total Revenues & Other Income | 10,389 | 8,601 | 1,788 | 21% |
| Employee benefit expenses and severance payments | (1,492) | (1,143) | (349) | 31% |
| Interconnection costs and other telecommunication charges | (805) | (721) | (84) | 12% |
| Fees for services, maintenance and materials | (1,010) | (798) | (212) | 27% |
| Taxes and fees with the Regulatory Authority | (940) | (753) | (187) | 25% |
| Commissions | (900) | (700) | (200) | 29% |
| Cost of equipments and handsets | (959) | (752) | (207) | 28% |
| Advertising | (314) | (257) | (57) | 22% |
| Provisions | (59) | (61) | 2 | -3% |
| Bad debt expenses | (148) | (84) | (64) | 76% |
| Other operating expenses | (623) | (427) | (196) | 46% |
| Operating income before D&A | 3,139 | 2,905 | 234 | 8% |
| D&A | (1,258) | (990) | (268) | 27% |
| Gains on disposal of PP&E | 1 | 14 | (13) | -93% |
| Operating income | 1,882 | 1,929 | (47) | -2% |
| Financial Income | 263 | 116 | 147 | 127% |
| Financial Costs | (151) | (99) | (52) | 53% |
| Net income before income tax expense | 1,994 | 1,946 | 48 | 2% |
| Income tax expense | (700) | (670) | (30) | 4% |
| Net Income | 1,294 | 1,276 | 18 | 1% |
| Attributable to: | | | | |
| Owners of the Parent | 1,275 | 1,261 | 14 | 1% |
| Noncontrolling interest | 19 | 15 | | |

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.**Consolidated information****Six months Period and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012****(In millions of Argentine pesos)****8- CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS****Three Months Comparison**

| | 06/30/12 | 06/30/11 | D \$ | D % |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Revenues | 5,254 | 4,450 | 804 | 18% |
| Other income | 5 | 7 | (2) | -29% |
| Total income | 5,259 | 4,457 | 802 | 18% |
| Employee benefit expenses and severance payments | (815) | (617) | (198) | 32% |
| Interconnection costs and other telecommunication charges | (397) | (357) | (40) | 11% |
| Fees for services, maintenance and materials | (533) | (437) | (96) | 22% |
| Taxes and fees with the Regulatory Authority | (478) | (392) | (86) | 22% |
| Commissions | (451) | (359) | (92) | 26% |
| Cost of equipments and handsets | (522) | (389) | (133) | 34% |
| Advertising | (150) | (128) | (22) | 17% |
| Provisions | (19) | (38) | 19 | -50% |
| Bad debt expenses | (79) | (45) | (34) | 76% |
| Other operating expenses | (323) | (221) | (102) | 46% |
| Operating income before D&A | 1,492 | 1,474 | 18 | 1% |
| D&A | (643) | (512) | (131) | 26% |
| Gains on disposal of PP&E | | 9 | (9) | -100% |
| Operating income | 849 | 971 | (122) | -13% |
| Financial Income | 133 | 57 | 76 | 133% |
| Financial Costs | (82) | (59) | (23) | 39% |
| Net income before income tax expense | 900 | 969 | (69) | -7% |
| Income tax expense | (314) | (333) | 19 | -6% |
| Net Income | 586 | 636 | (50) | -8% |
| Attributable to: | | | | |
| Owners of the Parent | 577 | 627 | (50) | -8% |
| Noncontrolling interest | 9 | 9 | | |

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.

Telecom Argentina S.A.

Date: August 1, 2012

By: /s/ Enrique Garrido
Name: Enrique Garrido
Title: Chairman