

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA

Form 6-K

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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 November 2008

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)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes _____ No X

Announcement 17 November 2008, Lisbon

Qualified Holding

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT) informs that UBS AG now holds less than 2% of the voting rights corresponding to the share capital of PT.

Such new holding resulted from the disposal, on 6 November 2008, of a total of 7,774,257 PT ordinary shares through a transaction executed over the counter, made by UBS AG, Zurich and Basel, with offices at Bahnhofstrasse 45, P.O. Box, CH-8098 Zurich and Aeschenvorstadt 1, P.O. Box, CH-4051 Basel, Switzerland. As a result of such transaction, a total of 12,985,024 ordinary shares representing 1.38% of PT's share capital and corresponding voting rights is now attributed to UBS AG.

UBS AG also informed that, of such total holding:

> 3,751,219 shares representing 0.40% of the share capital and voting rights in PT are held in the name of UBS AG on behalf of several of its clients;

> 6,338,359 shares representing 0.67% of the share capital and voting rights in PT are held by the following subsidiaries of UBS AG:

- DSI International Management Inc: 1,357 PT shares;
- UBS Fund Management (Switzerland) AG: 122,412 PT shares;
- UBS Fund Services (Luxembourg) SA: 940,693 PT shares;

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- UBS Global Asset Management (Deutschland) GmbH: 33,517 PT shares;
- UBS Global Asset Management (Australia) Ltd: 17,742 PT shares;
- UBS Global Asset Management Life Ltd: 380,955 PT shares;
- UBS Global Asset Management (UK) Ltd: 2,216,190 PT shares;
- UBS Global Asset Management (France) SA: 1,913,868 PT shares;
- UBS Financial Services Inc.: 447,320 PT shares;
- UBS Global Asset Management (Americas) Inc.: 209,859 PT shares;
- UBS (Luxembourg) S.A.: 1,173 PT shares;
- UBS Wealth Management (UK) Ltd.: 7,750 PT shares;
- UBS Securities LLC: 45,523 PT shares.

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code, following a communication received from UBS AG.

Portugal Telecom, sgps, sa
Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40
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Portugal
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Public company
Share capital _ Euro 28,277,855.31
Registered in the Commercial
Registry Office of Lisbon
and Corporation no. _ 503 215 058

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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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: November 18, 2008

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Vieira

Nuno Vieira
Investor Relations Director

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