

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 August 2010

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or 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

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Qualified Holding

Portugal Telecom, SGPS S.A. (PT) informs that it was notified by Barclays Plc of a change in the composition of such entity's qualified shareholding in PT, as described below. Nonetheless, such qualified holding remained within the same percentage threshold range of reportable interests as was previously disclosed.

- On 3 August 2010, Barclays Capital Securities Ltd disposed of 3,414,291 PT ordinary shares, representing 0.38% of the company's share capital and voting rights, through an OTC transaction.
- On the same date, Barclays Capital Securities Ltd purchased, through an OTC transaction, a financial instrument by way of a forward contract with an expiration date of 5 November 2010, in respect of 3,550,000 PT ordinary shares, representing 0.40% of the share capital and voting rights. PT was further informed that Barclays Capital Securities Ltd also holds a forward contract with an expiration date of 16 December 2010, in respect of 3,879,192 PT ordinary shares, representing 0.43% of the share capital and voting rights, as well as a call option with an expiration date of 5 August 2010, in respect of 1,000,000 PT ordinary shares, representing 0.11% of the share capital and voting rights.

As a result of such transactions, Barclays Plc now holds a total of 23,006,797 ordinary shares representing 2.57% of PT's share capital and corresponding voting rights.

Finally, PT was informed that such holding is attributed to Barclays Plc through the following entities:

- Barclays Bank Plc: 484,961 ordinary shares representing 0.05% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Bank SA: 104,855 ordinary shares representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Capital Securities Ltd: 22,039,574 ordinary shares (corresponding to 13,610,382 ordinary shares held and 8,429,192 ordinary shares via financial instruments), representing 2.46% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Wealth Managers Portugal – SGFIM S.A.: 216,850 ordinary shares representing 0.02% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Palomino Ltd: 160,557 ordinary shares representing 0.02% of the share capital and voting rights in PT.

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This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of paragraph c) of article 1 and number 2 of article 2 of the CMVM Regulation no. 5/2008, following a communication received from Barclays Plc, with head office at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom.

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, SA
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Portugal

Public company
Share capital Euro 26,895,375
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: August 13, 2010

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: */s/ Nuno Vieira*
Nuno Vieira
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