

TELEFONICA S A
Form 6-K
October 31, 2008

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**FORM 6-K
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 October, 2008
Commission File Number: 001-09531
Telefónica, S.A.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Distrito C, Ronda de la Comunicación s/n,
28050 Madrid, Spain
3491-482 85 48**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

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RAMIRO SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES
General Secretary
and Secretary to the Board of Directors
TELEFÓNICA, S.A.

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

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of TELEFÓNICA, S.A., at its meeting held on September 24th, 2008, we hereby inform all shareholders that on November 12th, 2008, the Company will pay an interim dividend from 2008 net income of a fixed gross amount of 0.50 euros for each Company share issued, in circulation and carrying entitlement to this dividend. This payment will be made as follows, in all events subject to the provisions of the applicable tax legislation:

| Gross dividend (Euros per share) | Withholding tax rate (18%) (Euros per share) | Net dividend (Euros per share) |
|--|--|--|
| 0.50 | 0.09 | 0.41 |

The payment of this dividend shall be executed from November 12th, 2008, by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., through the participating entities in Iberclear (*Sociedad de Gestión de los Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A.*), the Spanish securities registrar, clearing and settlement company.
Madrid, October 31st, 2008

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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: October 31st, 2008

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