

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
Form 6-K
December 17, 2012

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 December 2012

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.

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

Announcement | Lisbon | 14 December 2012

Qualified Holding and Long Position

Portugal Telecom, SGPS S.A. (PT) informs that it was notified by Barclays Plc that this entity now holds a qualified holding corresponding to more than 2% of PT 's share capital and voting rights.

This change was a result of Barclays Capital Securities Ltd acquiring, on 7 December 2012, 3,320,000 shares representing 0.37% of PT 's share capital and voting rights, subsequent to the expiration, on the same date, of an equity forward contract over the same number of PT shares. This contract was held by the same Barclays Capital Securities Ltd.

Nonetheless, Barclays Plc 's long position in PT remained above the 2% threshold of reportable interests as was previously disclosed.

It was further communicated that Barclays Capital Securities Ltd currently holds the following financial instruments:

| Financial Instrument | Nr. of shares underlying | Expiry date | % of share capital and voting rights |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <i>Equity Portfolio Swap</i> (Cash Settled) | 34,596 | 24 October 2013 | 0.004% |
| <i>Equity Portfolio Swap</i> (Cash Settled) | 17,967 | 6 September 2013 | 0.002% |
| <i>Equity Portfolio Swap</i> (Cash Settled) | 43,353 | 9 May 2013 | 0.005% |
| <i>Cash Settled Swap</i> | 250,000 | 12 November 2013 | 0.03% |
| Future Contract (Cash Settled) | 61,500 | 15 March 2013 | 0.01% |
| Contracts for Difference | 1,507,435 | n.a. | 0.17% |

Finally, PT was informed that Barclays Plc now holds a long position corresponding to 21,440,019 ordinary shares representing 2.39% of PT 's share capital and corresponding voting rights and a qualified holding corresponding to 19,525,168 ordinary shares representing 2.18% of PT 's share capital and corresponding voting rights, as follows:

- Barclays Wealth Managers Portugal – SGFIM S.A.: 59,253 ordinary shares held, representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;

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- Barclays Bank PLC - France: 944 ordinary shares held, representing 0.0001% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Bank PLC: 83,838 PT ordinary shares held, representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Capital Securities Ltd: 19,308,150 ordinary shares held representing 2.15% of the share capital and voting rights in PT, and 1,914,851 ordinary shares via cash settled financial instruments representing 0.21% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Palomino Ltd: 72,983 ordinary shares held, representing 0.01% of the share capital and voting rights in PT.

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| Portugal Telecom, SGPS SA | Public company | 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. | Nuno Vieira |
| Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40 | Share capital Euro 26,895,375 | | Investor Relations Director |
| 1069-300 Lisbon | Registered in the Commercial | | nuno.t.vieira@telecom.pt |
| Portugal | Registry Office of Lisbon | | Tel.: +351 21 500 1701 |
| | and Corporation no. 503 215 058 | | Fax: +351 21 500 0800 |

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This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of articles 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code and 2 and 2-A of the Portuguese Securities Commission Regulation no. 5/2008, following a communication received from Barclays Plc, a company incorporated under the laws of the United Kingdom, with head office at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom.

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: December 14, 2012

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Vieira

Nuno Vieira

Investor Relations Director

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