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April 17, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15D-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Piazza degli Affari 2  
20123 Milan, Italy  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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PRESS RELEASE

TELECOM ITALIA: CLARIFICATION ON THE GROUP'S PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA

*Milan, 17 April 2009*

Telecom Italia, at the request of CONSOB, regarding the Group's presence in Argentina, clarifies that:

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On 30 March 2009, CNDC (the Argentinean Antitrust Authority) with Resolution n. **43/09**, nominated two observers ("veedores") to the Telecom Argentina Group companies, in order to ensure that the provisions set out by Resolution 04/09 of 9 January 2009 in relation to the Antitrust procedures in Argentina, with respect to the acquisition of Olimpia S.p.A. by Telco S.p.A., of which Telefonica SA - active in Argentina through another operator - is a shareholder, are complied with.

According to reports, the CNDC has recently rejected the appeal proposed by Telecom Argentina Group on the Resolution 43/09.

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On 3 April 2009, under the same Antitrust procedures, the CNDC issued Resolution n. **44/09**, under the terms of which Telecom Italia, Telecom Italia International, the Board members, the Managers and the representatives of Telecom Italia and Telecom Italia International and their direct and indirect shareholders, as well as Board members and Statutory Auditors designated by Telecom Italia and Telecom Italia International within the Telecom Argentina Group, must abstain from making any decision or giving out instructions that could involve, directly or indirectly, the exercise of "derechos politicos" in the Group, including rights stemming from shareholders' agreements relating to the Telecom Argentina Group.

Telecom Italia and Telecom Italia International have filed an appeal to CNDC against Resolution n. 44/09, requesting that the relative files be transferred to the competent Courts. No decision has been rendered with respect to the appeal

which in itself represents a necessary step in the procedure leading to an appeal with the local Courts.

The Telecom Italia Group believes any determination in connection with the procedures referenced above would be premature and dismisses as groundless any related rumours.

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Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the "Safe Harbor" Provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward - looking statements. This Press Release contains certain forward -looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "may," "is expected to," "will," "will continue," "should," "seeks" or "anticipates" or similar expressions or the negative thereof or other comparable terminology, or by the forward- looking nature of discussions of strategy, plans or intentions.

Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking information is based on certain key assumptions which we believe to be reasonable but forward-looking information by its nature involves risks and uncertainties, which are outside our control, that could significantly affect expected results.

The following important factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward-looking statements:

- the continuing impact of increased competition in a liberalized market, including competition from established domestic competitors and global and regional alliances formed by other telecommunications operators in our core

Italian domestic fixed-line and wireless markets;

- our ability to restructure our organizational model from one based on technology (fixed and mobile) to one based on customer segments (consumers, SOHOs, SMEs, Corporates) in order to focus on customers and their needs in utilizing our products and services;

- our ability to utilize our relationship with Telefónica to attain synergies primarily in areas such as network, IT, purchasing, sales activities in Germany and international mobile roaming;

- our ability to introduce new services to stimulate increased usage of our fixed and wireless networks to offset declines in the traditional fixed-line voice business due to the continuing impact of regulatory required price reductions, market share loss, pricing pressures generally and shifts in usage patterns;

- our ability to successfully implement our internet and broadband strategy both in Italy and abroad;

- our ability to successfully achieve our debt reduction targets;

- the impact of regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment in Italy and other countries in which we operate;

- the impact of economic development generally on our international business and on our foreign investments and capital expenditures;

- our services are technology-intensive and the development of new technologies could render such services non-competitive;

- the impact of political and economic developments in Italy and other countries in which we operate;

- the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates;

- our ability to successfully implement our strategy over the 2009-2011 period;

- our ability to build up our business in adjacent markets (pay-TV and IT services) and in international markets (particularly Brazil in mobile telecommunications and Europe-Germany-in BroadBand), due to our specialist and technical resources;

- our ability to achieve the expected return on the investments and capital expenditures we have made and continue to make in Brazil on mobile and in Europe on BroadBand;

- the amount and timing of any future impairment charges for our licenses, goodwill or other assets; and

- the outcome of litigation, disputes and investigations in which we are involved or may become involved.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Due to such uncertainties and risks, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to release publicly the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, including, without limitation, changes in our business or acquisition strategy or planned capital expenditures, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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.

Date: April 17th, 2009

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro

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Carlo De Gennaro  
Company Manager