

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
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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 June, 2003

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

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

RELEASE

PT'S DIVIDEND POLICY

Lisbon, Portugal, June 24, 2003 Today, at its annual Investor Day in Lisbon, the Portugal Telecom (Euronext Lisbon: PTCO.IN; NYSE: PT) management team will announce its intention to propose to the Board of Directors the submission to the shareholders approval at the AGM of a dividend per share relating to 2003 of between Euro 20 and 22 cents subject to PT's financial and market conditions.

In addition, the management will indicate that it is comfortable with a continuing pay-out ratio of at least 50% of Net Income in line with its stated commitment to put in place a progressive dividend policy subject to relevant statutory approvals and market and financial conditions.

Finally the company re-stated its objective to maintain its current rating.

Materials from the Investor Day are available on the website of the Portuguese Securities regulator (www.cmvm.pt) and are being made available during the day on Portugal Telecom's website at www.telecom.pt.

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Portugal Telecom is listed on the Euronext Lisbon and New York Stock Exchanges. Information may be accessed on the Reuters 2000 Service under the symbols PT and PTCO.IN and on Bloomberg under the symbol PTC PL.

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: June 25, 2003

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: _____ /s/ Vitor Sequeira

Vitor Sequeira
Manager of Investor
Relations

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