

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 January 2011

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 Banco Espírito Santo, S.A. (BES) now holds more than 10% of the voting rights corresponding to the share capital of PT.

Such new holding resulted from the acquisition, by Avistar, a company wholly owned by BES, on 27 January 2011 and on regulated market, of 750,000 PT ordinary shares. As a result of the above mentioned transaction, a holding of 89,924,416 ordinary shares representing 10.03% of PT 's share capital and corresponding voting rights is now attributed to BES.

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

- Entities in a control or group relationship with BES: 89,864,747 PT ordinary shares;
- BES: 4,218 PT ordinary shares;
- Members of BES ' corporate bodies: 55,451 PT ordinary shares.

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code, following a communication received from BES, with registered office at Av. da Liberdade, 195, 1250-142 Lisboa, Portugal.

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: January 28, 2011

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: */s/ Nuno Vieira*
Nuno Vieira
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