

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
Form 6-K
March 17, 2008

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 March 2008

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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Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.

Public Company

Registered Offices: Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40, Lisboa

Share Capital: Euro 30,774,000

Registered in the Commercial Registry Office of Lisbon

and Corporation no. 503 215 058

**Acquisition of own shares through
financial derivative instruments**

Lisbon, Portugal, 14 March 2008 Portugal Telecom informs that as part of the share buyback programme under execution, it has the right to acquire an additional 15,386,407 shares through equity swap agreements.

The total number of own shares that PT currently holds through equity swap agreements is 99,697,412 shares, of which 20,640,000 shares were contracted under the previous share buyback programme. As a result, the number of outstanding shares, adjusting for equity swaps on own shares recognised in the balance sheet, is 926,102,588.

As part of the share buyback programme under execution, a total of 182,113,912 own shares has been acquired, equivalent to 16.13% of PT's share capital prior to the share capital reduction executed on 20 December 2007. The total amount returned to shareholders to date, through the share buyback programme under execution, totals 1,731 million euros.

This information is also available on PT's IR website <http://ir.telecom.pt>.

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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: March 17, 2008

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: **/s/ Nuno Prego**
Nuno Prego
Investor Relations Director

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