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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 March, 2004

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)

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Yes NoX

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.

Open Company
Registered Offices: Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40, Lisbon
Share Capital: Euro 1,254,285,000
Registered in the Conservatory of the Commercial Registry of Lisbon under no. 03602/940706
Collective Person no. 503 215 058

Pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of subparagraph b) of no.1 of article 9 of the Portuguese Securities Market Commission Regulation no. 11/2000, Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (PT) announces that, according with the program of own shares acquisition approved at the AGM held on April 4, 2003, acquired today on the Euronext Stock Exchange 640,000 PT shares, equivalent to 0.05% of its share capital, as follows:

- 8,250 PT shares at Euro 9.03 per share;
- 26,470 PT shares at Euro 9.04 per share.
- 76,500 PT shares at Euro 9.05 per share;
- 20,500 PT shares at Euro 9.06 per share;
- 47,000 PT shares at Euro 9.07 per share;
- 71,000 PT shares at Euro 9.08 per share;
- 1,000 PT shares at Euro 9.09 per share;
- 75,000 PT shares at Euro 9.10 per share;
- 15,000 PT shares at Euro 9.12 per share;
- 13,419 PT shares at Euro 9.13 per share;
- 11,280 PT shares at Euro 9.14 per share;
- 33,604 PT shares at Euro 9.15 per share;
- 9,000 PT shares at Euro 9.16 per share;
- 5,000 PT shares at Euro 9.17 per share;
- 44,000 PT shares at Euro 9.20 per share;
- 895 PT shares at Euro 9.21 per share;
- 5,000 PT shares at Euro 9.22 per share;
- 22,732 PT shares at Euro 9.23 per share;
- 51,736 PT shares at Euro 9.24 per share;
- 64,613 PT shares at Euro 9.25 per share;
- 38,001 PT shares at Euro 9.26 per share;

Additionally, we inform that after this acquisition PT holds 41,560,108 of its own shares, equivalent to 3.31% of its share capital.

Lisbon, March 16, 2004

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 16, 2004

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Nuno Prego

Nuno Prego Investor Relations Director

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