

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 December, 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

MERGER OF TCO SHARES INTO TCP PROCESS UPDATE

Lisbon, Portugal, December 30, 2003 The Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission CVM issued an opinion on December 26, 2003, that the merger of Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações, S.A. (TCO) shares into Telesp Celular Participações, S.A. (TCP) violates the applicable laws . Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (Euronext: PTCO.IN; NYSE: PT) informs that, nevertheless, TCP and TCO continue to understand that the transaction was structured, disclosed and is proposed to the shareholders in compliance with the applicable laws, in addition to awarding an equal treatment to the shareholders concerned.

Accordingly, the managements of both companies will review the situation in order to set forth the recommendation to be given to their shareholders as for the merger of shares. Meanwhile, the companies have decided to cancel the shareholders' meetings scheduled for January 7, 2004.

This information is also available on PT's 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: December 30, 2003

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: /s/ Vitor Sequeira

**Vitor Sequeira
Manager of Investor
Relations**

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