

PORTUGAL TELECOM SGPS SA
Form 6-K
May 13, 2011

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 May 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)

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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

Announcement | Lisbon | 12 May 2011

Qualified Holding and Long Position - Barclays Plc

Portugal Telecom, SGPS S.A. (PT) hereby informs that Barclays Plc now holds more than 2% of the voting rights corresponding to the share capital of PT

This change resulted from the borrowing of 5,200,000 ordinary shares of PT, on 3 May 2011, in an OTC transaction. As a result of such transaction, Barclays Plc holds a total of 19,768,738 ordinary shares representing 2.21% of PT 's share capital and corresponding voting rights.

In addition, PT was further informed that Barclays Capital Securities Ltd holds a long interest by virtue of a contract for difference corresponding to 229,487 PT ordinary shares, representing 0.03% of the voting rights.

Additionally, PT was informed that the qualified holding is attributed to Barclays Plc through the following entities:

- Barclays Bank Plc: 22,593 ordinary shares representing 0.003% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Capital Inc: 3.900 ordinary shares representing 0.0004% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Bank PLC France: 1.330 ordinary shares representing 0.0001% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Capital Securities Ltd: 19.541.185 ordinary shares (corresponding to 19,311,698 ordinary shares and 229,487 ordinary shares via financial instruments), representing 2.18% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Barclays Wealth Managers Portugal SGFIM, S.A.: 199.560 ordinary shares representing 0.02% of the share capital and voting rights in PT;
- Palomino Limited: 170 ordinary shares representing 0.00002% of the share capital and voting rights in PT.

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This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of article 17 of the Portuguese Securities Code and the Portuguese Securities Commission Regulation no. 5/2008, following a communication received from Barclays Bank Plc, with head office at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom.

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| Portugal Telecom, SGPS, SA | Public company | 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. | Nuno Vieira |
| Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40 | Share capital Euro 26,895,375 | | Investor Relations Director |
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| Portugal | and Corporation no. 503 215 058 | | Tel.: +351 21 500 1701 |
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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: May 12, 2011

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

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

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