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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of May 2012

Commission File Number: 001-13464

Telecom Argentina S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Alicia Moreau de Justo, No. 50, 1107

Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

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Yes

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Item

1. Press Release dated May 2, 2012 entitled Telecom Argentina S.A. announces dividends for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011
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For immediate release

Market Cap: P\$ 14,9 billion

May 2, 2012

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Telecom Argentina S.A.

announces dividends for the fiscal year ended

December 31, 2011

Buenos Aires, May 2, 2012 - Telecom Argentina S.A. (Telecom Argentina or the Company) (BASE: TECO2, NYSE: TEO), one of Argentina's leading telecommunications groups, announced that the Annual General Ordinary Shareholders Meeting held on April 27, 2012 approved a cash dividend distribution in the amount of P\$ 807,192,402.

The dividend payment will be made starting on May 10, 2012. The amount to be distributed is equivalent to P\$0.82 per share or P\$4.10 per ADR, prior to deductions of the Personal Asset Tax obligations, as described below.

For ADR holders, the Record Date is May 10, 2012 and the Payment Date is May 17, 2012. Payment will be made through the Depository Bank, JP Morgan Chase & Co.

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For non-ADR holders, the Record Date is May 9, 2012 and payment will be available as from May 10, 2011. For non-ADR holders shareholders, payment will be made through Caja de Valores S.A. in Argentina.

The Company will deduct from the dividend payments the amount paid by the Company relating to the Personal Asset Tax (pursuant to the unnumbered section following section 25 of Law No. 23,966, as amended) for fiscal year 2011. Deductions of Personal Asset Tax payments will not apply to shareholders who did not own shares or ADRs on December 31, 2011 or who have reimbursed the Company the amounts relating to such tax obligations.

Due to the time required to determine which non-ADR holders are subject to the Personal Asset Tax, the effective date of the dividend distribution through Caja de Valores S.A. will be made within 10 days after the payment date, in accordance with the time period established in Article 90 of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange Listing Rules.

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Telecom is the parent company of a leading telecommunications group in Argentina, where it offers, either or through its controlled subsidiaries local and long distance fixed-line telephony, cellular, data transmission and Internet services, among other services. Additionally, through a controlled subsidiary, the Telecom Group offers cellular services in Paraguay. The Company commenced operations on November 8, 1990, upon the Argentine government's transfer of the telecommunications system in the northern region of Argentina.

Nortel Inversora S.A. (Nortel), which acquired the majority of the Company from the Argentine government, holds 54.74% of Telecom's common stock. Nortel is a holding company whose common stock (approximately 74% of capital stock) is owned by Sofora Telecomunicaciones S.A. Additionally, Nortel capital stock comprised of preferred shares that are held by minority shareholders.

As of May 2, 2012, Telecom had 984,380,978 shares outstanding.

(*) Employee Stock Ownership Program

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SIGNATURES

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.

Telecom Argentina S.A.

Date: May 2, 2012

By: /s/ Enrique Garrido
Name:
Title:

Enrique Garrido
Chairman of the Board of Directors