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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Issuer** 

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February 2011

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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# <u>Item</u>

1. Press release dated February 25, 2011 entitled Telecom Argentina S.A. provides projected financial and operational information for the period 2011-2013

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Market Cap P\$19.5 billion

February 25, 2011

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#### Telecom Argentina S.A. provides projected financial and operational information for the period 2011-2013

**Buenos Aires, February 25, 2011** Telecom Argentina (NYSE: TEO; BASE: TECO2), one of Argentina s leading telecommunications companies, announces that certain projected financial and operational data of Telecom Argentina s operations for the period 2011-2013 was included in today s presentation of the 2010 Results and Plan Update of Telecom Italia.

The document that includes projected financial and operational data of Telecom Argentina has been posted in Telecom Italia s website in the section 2010 Results and Plan Update and can be downloaded from such site.

It is important to note that in the referred document released by Telecom Italia, the financial data is presented under International Financial Reporting Standards ( IFRS ). For the knowledge and analysis of the general investment community the equivalent of such data prepared under Argentine GAAP ( AR GAAP ) is provided below:

### **Summary Financial Data**

Figures in billion P\$		FY10				FY11 Target			
	AR GAAP	<b>IFRS</b>	D\$	D%	AR GAAP	IFRS	D\$	D%	
Net Revenues	14.7	14.7	(0.0)	(0%)	>17.7	>17.7	0.0	(0%)	
EBITDA	4.6	4.9	0.3	7%	>5.1	>5.5	0.4	8%	
Capex (excluding materials)	2.0	2.5	0.5	27%	2.5	3.2	0.7	27%	
Breakdown of operational Costs:									

Moreover, the document referred above includes the following operational data:

#### **Summary Operational Data**

		FY11		
Figures in million, except ARPU	FY10	Target	D\$	D%
Mobile customers	16.3	17.6	1.2	8%
ARPU Mobile in Argentina - in P\$-	44	50	6	14%
Broadband accesses	1.4	1.5	0.1	10%
ARPU Fixed Broadband - in P\$-	76	87	11	14%
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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 stransfer 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 68% 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 December 31, 2010, Telecom had 984,380,978 shares outstanding.

(\*) Employee Stock Ownership Program

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This document and the document referred herein contains statements that could constitute forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, expectations for the Company s future performance, customer base, service offerings, revenues, income, EBITDA, earnings per share, capital expenditures, dividends, liquidity and capital structure; the impact of emergency laws enacted by the Argentine Government; and the impact of the devaluation of the peso, inflation, rate changes and competition on the Company s future financial performance. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as believes, expects, anticipates, projects, intends, should, seeks, estimates, future or other simi

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Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expectations for the Company's results. The risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the impact of emergency laws enacted by the Argentine government that have resulted in the repeal of Argentina's Convertibility law, various changes in restrictions on the ability to exchange pesos into foreign currencies, and currency transfer policy generally, the pesification of tariffs charged for public services, the elimination of indexes to adjust rates charged for public services and the Executive branch announcement to renegotiate the terms of the concessions granted to public service providers, including Telecom. Due to extensive changes in laws and economic and business conditions in Argentina, it is difficult to predict the impact of these changes on the Company's financial condition. Other factors may include, but are not limited to, the evolution of the economy in Argentina, growing inflationary pressure and evolution in consumer spending and the outcome of certain legal proceedings. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as the date of this document. The Company undertakes no obligation to release publicly the results of any revisions to forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events and circumstances after the date of this press release, including, without limitation, changes in the Company's business or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Readers are encouraged to consult the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F, as well as periodic filings made on Form 6-K, which are filed with or furnished to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for further information concerning risks and uncertainties faced by Telecom.

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Date: February 25, 2011

#### **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.

By: /s/ Enrique Garrido

Name: Enrique Garrido

Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors