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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 SEPTEMBER 2008

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Piazza degli Affari 2  
20123 Milan, Italy  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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PRESS RELEASE

AGREEMENT REACHED WITH UNIONS FOR 5,000 REDUNDANCIES

THE AGREEMENT, CONFIRMING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 4 JUNE 2008, WILL BRING SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 300 MILION EURO A YEAR UPON COMPLETION

*Rome, 19 September 2008*

Telecom Italia announces that the final meeting with trade unions regarding redundancy proceeding ex lege 223/1991, begun on 26 June 2008 for 5,000 employees in excess of the company's technical needs, took place at the Ministry for Labour.

The meeting ended with the signing of a union agreement in which the parties established that by 31 December 2010, 5,000 employees, among those who attain the requisite pension contributions during the redundancy period, will be made redundant. The Company will complete the redundancy package with a sum that will guarantee that 90% of an employee's regular monthly pay cheque is received.

In the context of the overall agreement, Telecom Italia has committed to recruiting 600 workers in the two-year period 2009-2010 and from 1 January 2009 to convert 300 temporary contracts into permanent ones.

Further, the Company will transfer 1,600 workers at the Telecontact center from 50%-partime contracts to 75%-partime contracts over the period 2009 - 2010.

The parties also agreed to a detailed programme of training and professional re-training interventions.

The agreement signed today is part of the efficiency and re-organization plan announced on 4 June 2008 and will bring a cost reduction of approximately 300 million euro a year upon completion. The agreement entails a one-time restructuring charge of 287 million euro, as already announced, which was included in the accounts on 30 June 2008.

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Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the "Safe Harbor" Provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward - looking statements. This Press Release contains certain forward -looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "may," "is expected to," "will," "will continue," "should," "seeks" or "anticipates" or similar expressions or the negative thereof or other comparable terminology, or by the forward- looking nature of discussions of strategy, plans or intentions.

Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking information is based on certain key assumptions which we believe to be reasonable but forward-looking information by its nature involves risks and uncertainties, which are outside our control, that could significantly affect expected results.

The following important factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward-looking statements:

- the continuing impact of increased competition in a liberalized market, including competition from established domestic competitors and global and regional alliances formed by other telecommunications operators in our core Italian domestic fixed-line and wireless markets;
- our ability to restructure our organizational model from one based on technology (fixed and mobile) to one based on customer segments (consumers, SOHOs, SMEs, Corporates) in order to focus on customers and their needs in utilizing our products and services;
- our ability to utilize our relationship with Telefónica to attain synergies primarily in areas such as network, IT,

purchasing, sales activities in Germany and international mobile roaming;

- our ability to introduce new services to stimulate increased usage of our fixed and wireless networks to offset declines in the traditional fixed-line voice business due to the continuing impact of regulatory required price reductions, market share loss, pricing pressures generally and shifts in usage patterns;
- our ability to successfully implement our internet and broadband strategy both in Italy and abroad;
- our ability to successfully achieve our debt reduction targets;
- the impact of regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment in Italy and other countries in which we operate;
- the impact of economic development generally on our international business and on our foreign investments and capital expenditures;
- our services are technology-intensive and the development of new technologies could render such services non-competitive;
- the impact of political and economic developments in Italy and other countries in which we operate;
- the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates;
- our ability to successfully implement our strategy over the 2008-2010 period;
- our ability to build up our business in adjacent markets (pay-TV and IT services) and in international markets (particularly Brazil in mobile telecommunications and Europe-Germany-in BroadBand), due to our specialist and technical resources;
- our ability to achieve the expected return on the investments and capital expenditures we have made and continue to make in Brazil on mobile and in Europe on BroadBand;
- the amount and timing of any future impairment charges for our licenses, goodwill or other assets; and
- the outcome of litigation, disputes and investigations in which we are involved or may become involved.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Due to such uncertainties and risks, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to release publicly the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, including, without limitation, changes in our business or acquisition strategy or planned capital expenditures, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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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.

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Date: September 19th, 2008

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro

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