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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 JUNE 2005

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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PRESS RELEASE

TELECOM ITALIA INCREASES 30-YEAR EURO BOND ISSUE BY 250 MILLION EURO TO REPLACE A PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF THE SAME AMOUNT

The transaction is aimed at the full repurchase, and subsequent cancellation, of the 250 million euro Telecom Italia Finance bond issue maturing 2032

The transaction will allow Telecom Italia to further rationalize its debt portfolio, eliminating a substantially illiquid loan, and achieve a slight maturity lengthening

Milan, 22 June 2005 - Telecom Italia Finance S.A. will issue an additional 250 million euro of its 7.75% bond, maturing 2033 and listed on the Luxembourg stock exchange, raising the amount of the issue from the original 800 million euro to a total of 1,050 million euro. Forty days after the issue date, the newly issued bonds will all be fungible with those already outstanding.

The tap issue will be placed with a single investor and is aimed at the full repurchase by Telecom Italia Finance from the same investor of the 250 million euro Telecom Italia Finance 7.77% loan, maturing 2032. The repurchased bonds will subsequently be cancelled.

The transaction will allow Telecom Italia to further rationalize its debt portfolio - eliminating a bond issue that is substantially illiquid due to its small size and placement with a single investor, and also achieve a slight maturity lengthening.

The issue is part of Telecom Italia and Telecom Italia Finance s Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme, of a total value of 10 billion euro, and was arranged with the support of Goldman Sachs acting as Sole Arranger.

The issue will be listed on the Luxembourg stock exchange.

The securities referred to in this press release have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

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Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the "Safe Harbor" Provision 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. The Press Release included in this Form 6-K contains certain forward looking statements and forecasts reflecting management's current views with respect to certain future events. The ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve its projected results is dependant on many factors which are outside of management's control. Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking information involves risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results and are based on certain key assumptions.

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The following important factors could cause the Telecom Italia Group's 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 global and regional alliances formed by other telecommunications operators in the core domestic fixed-line and wireless markets of the Telecom Italia Group;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to introduce new services to stimulate increased usage of its fixed and wireless networks to offset declines in its fixed-line business due to the continuing impact of regulatory required price reductions, market share loss and pricing pressures generally;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve cost-reduction targets in the time frame established or to continue the process of rationalizing its non-core assets;
- the impact of regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment;
- the impact of the slowdown in Latin American economies and the slow recovery of economies generally on the international business of the Telecom Italia Group focused on Latin America and on its foreign investments and capital expenditures;
- the continuing impact of rapid changes in technologies;
- the impact of political and economic developments in Italy and other countries in which the Telecom Italia Group operates;
- the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates;
- Telecom Italia's ability to continue the implementation of its 2002-2004 Industrial Plan, including the rationalization of its corporate structure and the disposition of Telecom Italia's interests in various companies;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to successfully achieve its debt reduction targets;
- Telecom Italia's ability to successfully roll out its UMTS networks and services and to realize the benefits of its investment in UMTS licenses and related capital expenditures;
- Telecom Italia's ability to successfully implement its internet strategy;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve the expected return on the significant investments and capital expenditures it has made in Latin America and in Europe;
- the amount and timing of any future impairment charges for Telecom Italia's licences, goodwill or other assets; and
- the impact of litigation or decreased mobile communications usage arising from actual or perceived health risks or other problems relating to mobile handsets or transmission masts.

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. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the group will achieve its projected results.

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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.

Date: June 22th, 2005

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro

Carlo De Gennaro

Company Manager