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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 JULY 2009

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: AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIONS

Job security agreements for 470 workers from Directory Assistance

Rome, 21 July 2009

Telecom Italia announces that, following a final meeting between Union organizations and TI Union Representative at the Ministry of Work, the process of mobility ex lege 223/1991 started by the Company on 26 May 2009 for 470 workers in excess in respect to the technical-organizational requirements within the Directory Assistance area (12.54, Data Directory Assurance, International Services Work Centre - CLSI, Switchboards, Local Support), was closed.

In order to avoid the personnel reduction, the Parties have agreed to the adoption of defensive job-security agreements. The meeting concluded with the signing of a union agreement foreseeing that, starting from 1 September 2009 and ending on 31 August 2011, job-security agreements will be given to 1,054 workers from Directory Assistance, with a maximum reduction in individual weekly working hours of 47% for full-time employees, a reduction of 33% for those part-time at 75%, and 23% for those part-time at 65%.

Workers with part-time at 50%, those operating at the General Headquarters and involved in management, co-ordination, and control of processes, workers in charge of the co-ordination of senior front end and back office activities, as well as those in charge of territorial management, the heads of the local Directory Assistance departments, CLSI and the switchboards, are excluded from job-security agreements.

Within the agreement as a whole, Telecom Italia is committed to implement all the necessary measures to reduce the inconvenience caused by the programme of closure of Customer Care offices, and will verify its execution by the first half of 2010.

The Company has also agreed to open a table with the Union Organizations for monitoring efficiency in Staffing and to organize a meeting in September 2009 in order to take a closer look at issues relating to training.

The agreement signed today is part of a wider area of programmes of efficiency and reorganization announced with the Strategic Plan 2009-2011.

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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;

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- 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 2009-2011 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.

Date: July 21th, 2009

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro

Carlo De Gennaro Company Manager