

ERICSSON LM TELEPHONE CO  
Form 6-K  
August 18, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 18, 2004

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## LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

16483 Stockholm, Sweden

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone company, dated August 18, 2004, regarding Ericsson's repurchase of bonds

**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.

TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON (PUBL)

By:           /s/ CARL OLOF BLOMQVIST          

**Carl Olof Blomqvist**

**Senior Vice President and**

**General counsel**

By:           /s/ HENRY STÉNSON          

**Henry Sténson**

**Senior Vice President**

**Corporate Communications**

Date: August 18, 2004

Press Release

August 18, 2004

**Ericsson announces repurchase of bonds**

**Ericsson has repurchased EUR 410 million, face value, of its 6.375% Euro Medium Term Notes maturing May 31, 2006 (ISIN XS0130182784).**

The bonds were repurchased in order to reduce gross debt and annual interest expense.

The transaction is further evidence of Ericsson's strategy to manage its balance sheet prudently when appropriate opportunities arise, says Vidar Mohammar, Group Treasurer. We are very pleased to have been able to achieve a significant debt reduction in an efficient manner.

Remaining outstanding bonds due May 2006 amount to EUR 1 156 million (approximately SEK 10.7 billion).

*Ericsson is shaping the future of Mobile and Broadband Internet communications through its continuous technology leadership. Providing innovative solutions in more than 140 countries, Ericsson is helping to create the most powerful communication companies in the world.*

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