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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April, 2009

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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Item

1. Press release, dated April 6, 2009, entitled Telecom Argentina S.A. Announces a Prepayment on its Outstanding Notes

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(April 6, 2009)

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TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A. ANNOUNCESA PREPAYMENT ON ITS OUTSTANDING NOTES

Buenos Aires, April 6, 2009 Telecom Argentina (BASE: TECO2, NYSE: TEO), **one of Argentina's leading telecommunications groups**, announced today that, subject to any change in Argentine Central Bank regulations, it intends to make a Note Payment (as defined in the Notes) on **April 15, 2009** or as soon as practicable thereafter. This Note Payment will result in the payment of **48.75%** of the principal amortization payment scheduled to be paid on **April 15, 2012**. On the same date, Telecom Argentina intends to make the corresponding interest payment.

| Series | Currency | Due Date | ISIN N° | % of the Original Principal Amount | % of Original Principal Amount Outstanding after the Note Payment |
|----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Series A | US\$ | 2014 | US879273AK60 | 3.48075% | 37.67925% |
| | | | XS0218481744 | | |
| | | | Not Listed | | |
| | Euro | 2014 | XS0218482122 | 3.48075% | 37.67925% |
| | | | XS0218482395 | | |
| | | | Not Listed | | |
| | AR\$ | 2014 | Not Listed | 3.48075% | 37.67925% |
| | JPY | 2014 | Not Listed | 3.48075% | 37.67925% |

The payment shall be made to the holders of the Notes held in global form through the settlement systems of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, as applicable. Payments to holders of Notes in certificated form will be made by wire transfer to the accounts of the respective holders.

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Telecom is the parent company of a leading telecommunications group in Argentina, where it offers directly 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's transfer 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 where the common stock (approximately **68%** of capital stock) is owned by Sofora Telecomunicaciones S.A. Additionally, Nortel capital stock is comprised of preferred shares that are held by minority shareholders.

As of **December 31, 2008**, Telecom had **984,380,978** shares outstanding.

(*) Employee Stock Ownership Program

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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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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.

Date: April 6, 2009

By: /s/ Enrique Garrido
Name: Enrique Garrido
Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors