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Telefonica, S.A.

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TELEFONICA IS IMPLEMENTING A REGIONAL AND INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT MODEL TO PURSUE ITS CUSTOMER-ORIENTED APPROACH AND TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF SCALE

- Chairman Cesar Alierta has acted on the announcements made during the Investors Conference and General Shareholders Meeting in regard to affording the Company a more flexible and dynamic structure to strengthen

its leadership and increase its competitive advantage in the sector.

Madrid, 26 July 2006.- The Board of Directors of Telefonica S.A., in an ordinary meeting today, has approved plans to adapt the Company's management structure to a new regional and integrated management model, as outlined by the Chairman at the last Investors Conference and at the recent General Shareholders Meeting.

Both events served as a backdrop for the presentation of the new Telefonica, a stronger and more flexible company which, in the wake of the changes in recent years and consolidation of its acquisitions in Latin America and Europe, is now in a privileged position to strengthen its leadership and take advantage of the opportunities in the sector and its competitive edge over rivals.

From this position of strength, as evidenced by excellent financial and business results, its significant presence in Europe and leadership in Spain and Latin America, the Company is now implementing a new management model aimed at securing further growth in revenues and profitability, taking full advantage of scale and diversity and managing the convergence process between fixed and mobile telephony based on an integrated business view that is clearly geared to customers.

The new organisational model is pivotal upon the strengthening of the Coordination, Business Development and Synergies Division, headed by Julio Linares, and a regional integrated business division to underpin customer relations. The various markets in which Telefonica operates now each have their own pace of growth and degrees of competition. Accordingly, after the return of Telefonica Moviles to Telefonica, the Company's Chairman has decided to implement an integral market approach and designate sole managers for both the fixed and mobile businesses, to define strategies in line with regional conditions and to pursue further growth in revenues and profitability in each geographical area.

The purpose of Coordination, Business Development and Synergies Division which is,

in charge of Strategy, Budget and Control, Commercial, Infrastructure and IT Systems, Real Estate, Logistics, Purchases and Human Resources, is to ensure the integrated operation of Telefonica as a single company, very much geared to customers.

This view has led to the creation of three Regional Business Units: Telefonica Spain, Telefonica Europe and Telefonica Latin America) in charge of the integrated business, i.e. both fixed and mobile assets. The Divisions will be managed as follows:

Antonio Viana-Baptista has been appointed General Manager of Telefonica Espa#241a and will spearhead both fixed and mobile telephony businesses in Spain. The CEOs of Telefonica de Espa#241a (Guillermo Ansaldo) and Telefonica Moviles Espa#241a (Bel#233n Amatria#237n) will report to him.

Jos#233 Mar#237a Álvarez-Pallete has been appointed General Manager of Telefonica Latinoam#233rica and he will spearhead all of Telefonica Internacional's current businesses and all mobile operations pertaining to Telefonica in Latin America, which will remain under the operating management of COO Luis Miguel Gilp#233rez.

Peter Erskine, appointed General Manager of Telefonica O2 Europa, will continue to head the Rest of Europe Division, including O2's operations in the UK, Germany and Ireland, as well as the assets in the Czech Republic .

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The Coordination, Business Development and Synergies Division, as well as all three Regional Divisions and the Finance and Corporate Development Division, which is headed by Santiago Fernandez Valbuena, will report to the Company's Chairman and its Managers will sit alongside the Chairman on Telefonica's Executive Committee.

For corporate support operations, the Board has approved the creation of the Technical Secretariat for the Chairman's Office to be headed by Luis Abril. This new Technical Secretariat will take charge of the areas of Corporate Communications and Institutional Relations as well as Fundación Telefonica, and will report to the Chairman. The Legal and Board Secretariat, headed by Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín, will be in charge of Legal Services, also reporting to the Chairman, and the same applies to the General Internal Auditing Division, under Calixto Ros.

Lastly, the hitherto Chairman of Telefonica de España, Luis Lada, will realign his contractual position with the Company, from executive level to strategic consultancy to the Chairman and Executive Committee. Lada, an expert in the field who knows the market inside out, as well as being a member of Spain's Royal Academy of Engineering, will remain on the Supervisory Board of Telefonica O2 Czech Republic and he will also join the Board of Telefonica Internacional and the Advisory Board of Telefonica R&D. In this new relationship with the Company, Lada will continue to contribute his expertise and put forward his criteria in matters of strategy, convergence, integration and global market trends.

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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: July 26th, 2006

By: /s/ Ramiro Sanchez de Lerma Garcia-Ovies

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