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Telecom Argentina S.A.

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1. Press release entitled Telecom Argentina S.A. Announces Consolidated Six-Month Period (1H06) and Second Quarter Results for Fiscal Year 2006 (2Q06)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Market Cap: P\$7.5 billion****(August 10, 2006)****Contacts:****Pedro Insussarry****Pablo Caride****Telecom Argentina****(54-11) 4968-3743/3602****TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A. ANNOUNCES CONSOLIDATED SIX-MONTH PERIOD****(1H06) AND SECOND QUARTER RESULTS****FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 (2006)**

During 1H06 Telecom's operations continued to evolve positively, particularly in the cellular and broadband markets. Cellular and broadband customer growth reached 42% and 85% respectively. Fixed Lines in service grew 4% when compared to the same period of 2005 (1H05).

Net Revenues reached P\$3,357 MM (+30% vs. 1H05) mainly fueled by the expansion of the cellular business, which increased 57% when compared to 1H05. Revenues generated by Internet services increased by 26%.

Operating Profit before Depreciation and Amortization (OPBDA) increased by P\$147 MM (+15% vs. 1H05) reaching P\$1,119 MM. Operating Profit reached P\$419 MM (+88% vs. 1H05).

Net Income reached P\$99 MM, decreasing P\$359 MM vs. 1H05, mainly due to foreign exchange fluctuations. Shareholders' Equity as of June 30, 2006, amounted to P\$1,971 MM.

As a consequence of the financial restructuring and the cash flow generation, the nominal value of the Net Financial Debt as of June 30, 2006 decreased to P\$4,008 MM (-P\$1,939 MM vs. 1H05 or -P\$528 MM vs. 4Q05). The ratio of Net Financial Debt to OPBDA for the last 12 months decreased from 3.1x as of June 30, 2005, to 1.8x.

	As of June-30			
	2006	2005	Δ	Δ%
Consolidated Net Revenues (in MM P\$)	3,357	2,585	772	30%
Fixed Telephony (includes Data and Internet)	1,485	1,391	94	7%
Cellular	1,863	1,187	676	57%
Operating Profit before D&A (in MM P\$)	1,119	972	147	15%
Operating Profit (in MM P\$)	419	223	196	88%
Net Income (in MM P\$)	99	458	(359)	-78%
Shareholders' equity (in MM P\$)	1,971	960	1,011	105%
Net Financial Debt - Nominal value (in MM P\$)	4,008	5,947	(1,939)	-33%
Net Financial Debt - Book value (in MM P\$)	3,794	5,916	(2,122)	-36%

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CAPEX (in MM P\$)	464	255	209	82%
Lines in service (Fixed lines -in thousands)	3,997	3,854	143	4%
Cellular customers (in thousands)	7,665	5,380	2,285	42%
Telecom Personal	6,874	4,813	2,061	43%
Núcleo (Paraguay)	791	567	224	40%
ADSL Total lines (in thousands)	300	162	138	85%
Fixed line traffic (in MM minutes, Internet Traffic not included)	8,154	8,145	9	0%
Incoming/Outgoing cellular traffic in Argentina (in MM minutes)	3,412	2,502	910	36%
Average Revenue per user (ARPU) Fixed Telephony/voice (in P\$)	39	39	(0)	0%
Average Revenue per user (ARPU) Cellular Telephony Arg. (in P\$)	38	35	4	10%

* Non-financial data unaudited

Buenos Aires, August 10, 2006 Telecom Argentina (BASE: TECO2, NYSE: TEO), one of Argentina's largest telecommunications groups, announced today **Consolidated Net Income** of **P\$99 million** for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 (**1H06**).

	1H 06	1H 05	Δ	Δ%
Net Revenues (MMP\$)	3,357	2,585	772	30%
Net Income/Loss (MMP\$)	99	458	-359	-78%
Earnings/Loss per Share (\$)	0.10	0.47	-0.36	-78%
Earnings/Loss per ADR (\$)	0.50	2.33	-1.82	-78%
OPBDA *	33%	38%		
Operating Profit/Loss *	12%	9%		
Net Income/Loss *	3%	18%		

* As a percentage of Net Revenues

During **1H06**, **Consolidated Net Revenues** increased by **30%** to **P\$3,357 million (+P\$772 million vs. 1H05)**, mainly fueled by the expansion of the cellular and broadband businesses. This was partially offset by higher interconnection expenses and direct taxes on revenues. In addition, Telecom undertook a set of important commercial and marketing strategies that permitted the impressive cellular subscriber growth in Argentina and Paraguay, as well as in ADSL connections in Argentina.

Therefore, **OPBDA** increased by **15%** to **P\$1,119 million (+P\$147 million)**, with a slight decrease when considered as a percentage of Net Revenues (**33.3%** vs. **37.6%**).

Net Income reached **P\$99 million, vs. P\$458 million** during **1H05**. The Net Income was negatively affected by a loss in foreign exchange results of **P\$90 million**, compared to a **P\$671 million** profit registered during **1H05**.

Company Activities

Consolidated Net Revenues

The evolution of **Consolidated Net Revenues** (+**30%** vs. **1H05**) was as follows:

Fixed Telephony

During 1H06, Telecom launched a set of campaigns aimed to increase its Fixed Telephony subscriber base, particularly in the residential market. This resulted in a **4%** increase in terms of Lines in Service, reaching approximately **4 million**.

In addition, during the last quarters, Telecom has seen a permanent migration from Restricted Lines to General Subscriber Lines, a clear reversion from a process that was strong during the period of macroeconomic crisis in Argentina (2001/2002).

As a consequence, **Monthly Charges** increased by **P\$23 million** or **7%** in **1H06**, reaching **P\$354 million**. No increase has been applied to regulated tariffs.

Local Measured Service revenues totaled **P\$251 million (+2%)**, **Domestic Long Distance (DLD)**

revenues decreased to **P\$217 million (-1%)**, while overall traffic volume in minutes remained stable.

Revenues generated by **International Telephony** reached **P\$119 million (P\$9 million or 8% higher than 1H05)** due to an increase in traffic and sales of other services, partially offset by marginally lower prices.

Interconnection revenues increased by **P\$26 million (+22%)**, to **P\$144 million**. The most dynamic item was the mobile traffic transported and/or terminated in Telecom's fixed line network.

Internet and Data Transmission

Revenues generated by **Data transmission and Internet** amounted to **P\$269 million**, increasing by **P\$45 million**, or **20% vs. 1H05**, fueled by the increase in ADSL access connections, in a context of increased commercial activity, portfolio innovation and re-engineering of customer support channels.

As regards to the retail ADSL market, the recently launched low/mid segment product "Arnet 640Kb" has resulted in an important commercial success. In addition, in the Business segment overall product portfolio was renewed, seeking to provide an improved response to the needs of different types of clients.

As of the end of **1H06**, total ADSL subscribers amounted to **300,000 (+138,000 or +85% vs. 1H05)**. Lines with ADSL connections amounted to more than **7%** of Telecom's lines in service. Regarding ISP services, Arnet subscribers totaled **338,000 (+38% or 93,000 subscribers)**, as a consequence of the increase of **127,000** broad band subscribers and the decrease of **34,000** dial-up subscribers.

Cellular Telephony

As of June 30, 2006, the subscriber base of **Personal in Argentina** reached approximately **6.9 million; 2.1 million** customers more than those registered as of **June 30, 2005 (+43%)**. It is important to highlight that the postpaid customer base increased by **67%**, while the prepaid customer base increased by **32% vs. 1H05**.

As of **June 30, 2006**, approximately **64%** of the overall subscriber base was prepaid and **36%** was postpaid customers. Subscribers with GSM technology represented **80%** of the overall subscriber base.

Total traffic measured in minutes increased by **36%** vs. **1H05**. **SMS traffic** (outgoing messages) increased from an average of **173 million** per month during **1H05** to an average of **460 million** per month during **1H06 (+166%)**.

In this context, Telecom Personal's revenues in Argentina reached **P\$1.716 million**, increasing **P\$626 million (+57%)** when compared to the same period of last year. This positive evolution results from the combination of a larger subscriber base and a higher **average monthly revenue per user in Argentina (ARPU)**, which increased to **P\$38** or **+10%** vs. **1H05**. The ARPU increase is a direct consequence of the Personal's subscriber acquisition policy, which is focused on acquiring high value subscribers. In addition, higher handset sales contributed positively to the increase in revenues.

In fiscal year 2006 Personal has initiated several actions aimed to improve its brand positioning, enhance service quality and strengthen distribution channels throughout the country.

Regarding the product portfolio, Personal launched Blackberry services (both for Corporates and Professional), value added services based on WAP content and several commercial plans, particularly those oriented to the young demographic group, one of the most dynamic market segments.

Núcleo, Personal's subsidiary that operates in Paraguay, generated **revenues of P\$147 million (+51%** when compared to **1H05)**.

Regarding the subscriber base, the **791,000 customers** as of **June 30, 2006**, represented a **40%** increase from **1H05**. Prepaid and Postpaid customers represented **84%** and **16%**, respectively. **GSM** to Total subscriber ratio was **59%** (vs. **50%** at the end of **1Q06**).

Directories

Publicom sales amounted to **P\$9 million** in **1H06**, **+P\$2 million** vs. **1H05**. Considering already acquired advertising contracts and the seasonality of Directory publishing in the main markets, revenues for fiscal year 2006 are expected to increase when compared to those of 2005.

Consolidated Operating Costs

The **Cost of Services Provided, Administrative Expenses and Selling Expenses** totaled **P\$2,938 million** in **1H06**, which represents an increase of **P\$576 million** or **24%**.

Salaries and Social Security Contributions increased by **P\$71 million**, or **22%**, to **P\$400 million**, reflecting wage increases granted at the end of 2005 and beginning of **2006**, as well as a headcount increase mainly related to the expansion of the cellular businesses in Argentina and Paraguay.

Taxes amounted to **P\$236 million**, with an increase of **32%**, consistent with the overall evolution of revenues.

Agents and Prepaid Cards Commissions increased by **P\$97 million**, or **68%**, to **P\$239 million**. The main drivers of this item were the acquisition of new subscribers and higher sales of cellular prepaid cellular cards. In addition, cellular and Internet advertisement campaigns were responsible for higher **Advertising** costs (**+P\$31 million**, or **53%**) that amounted to **P\$89 million** in **1H06**. The cellular business advertisement was focused on subscriber acquisition and the launch of new services, while in Internet, resources were dedicated to a brand redesign campaign, unifying all service portfolio under the Arnet brand.

The cost of cellular handsets increased by **P\$156 million** to **P\$390 million** mainly due to the increase in handset sales related subscriber growth and TDMA to GSM migration.

TLRD (termination charges in third party cellular networks) and Roaming costs increased by **P\$74 million**, reaching **P\$245 million**, due to the increase in traffic delivered among cellular operators, in line with the significant expansion of the market.

During **1H06 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts** was **P\$37 million (+P\$22 million or 147%)**, equivalent to **1%** of net revenues.

Depreciation of Fixed and Intangible Assets decreased by **P\$49 million to P\$700 million (+P\$20 million** in the cellular operation, **-P\$68 million** in Telecom Argentina and **P\$1 million** in Publicom).

Consolidated Financial and Holding Results

Financial and Holding Results resulted in a loss of **P\$296 million**, as compared to a **P\$299 million** profit registered in **1H05**. Despite lower net financial expenses, this variation is mainly a consequence of foreign exchange fluctuations. The interest accrued on financial debt amounted to **P\$187 million** (of which **P\$123 million** correspond to Telecom Argentina).

Consolidated Other Expenses (net)

Other expenses (net) increased by **P\$36 million, (+72% vs. 1H05)** to **P\$86 million**.

Net Financial Debt (Nominal Value)

As of **June 30, 2006**, the nominal value of **Net Debt** (Loans minus Cash, Banks, Current Investments and Other credits derived from derivative Investments) amounted to **P\$4,008 million**, a reduction of **P\$528 million** as compared to **December 31, 2005**. In April 2006, Telecom Argentina prepaid an amount equivalent to approximately **US\$216 million** of its financial debt.

Consolidated Capital Expenditures

The total amount of **P\$464 million** invested in fixed assets during **1H06** were allocated to the cellular business (**P\$240 million**) and the fixed telephony, data and internet business (**P\$224 million**).

It is important to highlight that according to the approval of the Bondholders Meeting of Telecom Argentina celebrated on March 27, 2006, all quantitative restrictions to Personal capital expenditures were eliminated.

Conversion of Class C to Class B shares

On July 12, 2006, the Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires authorized the conversion of 2,112,986 ordinary Class C Shares into the same amount of ordinary Class B Shares. The conversion was implemented according to the resolution of the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting held on April 27, 2006.

After this conversion, the capital stock is composed as follows:

Class A Shares	502,034,299
Class B Shares	438,526,927
Class C Shares	43,819,752
Total	984,380,978

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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 **June 30, 2006**, Telecom had **984,380,978** shares outstanding.

(*) Employee Stock Ownership Program

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(Financial tables follow)

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President

TELECOM ARGENTINA S.A.

Consolidated information

SIX MONTH PERIOD AND SECOND QUARTER - FISCAL YEAR 2006**(In millions of Argentine pesos, except statistical data)****1- Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	Jun-30 2006	Dec-31 2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Cash, equivalents and investments	556	642	(86)	-13%
Trade receivables	710	705	5	1%
Other current assets	238	195	43	22%
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,504	1,542	(38)	-2%
Fixed & Intangible assets	6,478	6,723	(245)	-4%
Other non-current assets	393	292	101	35%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	6,871	7,015	(144)	-2%
TOTAL ASSETS	8,375	8,557	(182)	-2%
Accounts payable	1,056	834	222	27%
Loans	1,072	905	167	18%
Reserves	118	110	8	7%
Other current liabilities	340	357	(17)	-5%
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,586	2,206	380	17%
Loans	3,358	3,996	(638)	-16%
Reserves	275	247	28	11%
Other non-current liabilities	132	200	(68)	-34%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,765	4,443	(678)	-15%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,351	6,649	(298)	-4%
Minority Interest	53	41	12	29%
Shareholders' equity	1,971	1,867	104	6%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	8,375	8,557	(182)	-2%

2- Consolidated Loans

	Jun-30 2006	Dec-31 2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Corporate Bonds	813	761	52	7%
Banks	190	39	151	387%
On purchase of fixed assets and inventories				
Accrued interest	50	59	(9)	-15%
Derivatives	19	46	(27)	-59%
TOTAL CURRENT LOANS	1,072	905	167	18%

Corporate Bonds	3,354	3,856	(502)	-13%
Banks	218	386	(168)	-44%
On purchase of fixed assets and inventories				
Net Present Value	(214)	(277)	63	-23%
Derivatives valuation effect		31	(31)	-100%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LOANS	3,358	3,996	(638)	-16%
TOTAL LOANS	4,430	4,901	(471)	-10%
Derivatives valuation effect (Other Credits)	80		80	
Cash, equivalents and investments	556	642	(86)	-13%
Net financial debt (without NPV effect)	4,008	4,536	(528)	-12%

3- Consolidated Income Statement
Six - Month Comparison

	Jun-30 2006	2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Net revenues	3,357	2,585	772	30%
Cost of services provided	(2,033)	(1,705)	(328)	19%
GROSS PROFIT	1,324	880	444	50%
Administrative expenses	(130)	(119)	(11)	9%
Selling expenses	(775)	(538)	(237)	44%
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	419	223	196	88%
Equity income from related companies	6	7	(1)	-14%
Financial and holding results	(296)	299	(595)	-199%
Debt Restructuring Results		(15)	15	-100%
Other incomes & expenses	(86)	(50)	(36)	72%
RESULTS FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	43	464	(421)	-91%
Taxes on income	66	(3)	69	-2300%
Minority interest	(10)	(3)	(7)	233%
NET (LOSS)/INCOME	99	458	(359)	-78%
Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A	1,119	972	147	15%
<i>As a % of Net Revenues</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>38%</i>		

4- Consolidated Income Statement**Three - Month Comparison**

	Jun-30			
	2006	2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Net revenues	1,745	1,348	397	29%
Cost of services provided	(1,046)	(905)	(141)	16%
GROSS PROFIT	699	443	256	58%
Administrative expenses	(66)	(67)	1	-1%
Selling expenses	(408)	(295)	(113)	38%
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	225	81	144	178%
Equity income from related companies				
Financial and holding results	(114)	124	(238)	-192%
Debt Restructuring Results		(7)	7	-100%
Other incomes & expenses	(44)	(13)	(31)	238%
RESULTS FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	67	185	(118)	-64%
Taxes on income	34	(4)	38	-950%
Minority interest	(5)	(2)	(3)	150%
NET (LOSS)/INCOME	96	179	(83)	-46%
Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A	576	464	112	24%
<i>As a % of Net Revenues</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>34%</i>		

5- Consolidated Revenues Breakdown**Six - Month Comparison**

	Jun-30			
	2006	2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Fixed Telephony	1,097	1,057	40	4%
Measured service				
Local	251	247	4	2%
DLD	217	220	(3)	-1%
Monthly charges	354	331	23	7%
Public telephones	69	80	(11)	-14%
Interconnection	144	118	26	22%
Others	62	61	1	2%
International Telephony	119	110	9	8%
Data transmission & Internet	269	224	45	20%
Cellular Telephony	1,863	1,187	676	57%
Telecom Personal	1,716	1,090	626	57%
Monthly fee and measured service	404	251	153	61%
Pre-paid card	516	249	267	107%
Calling Party Pays	230	187	43	23%

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TLRD *	188	109	79	72%
Handset sales and accessories	228	127	101	80%
Others	150	167	(17)	-10%
Núcleo	147	97	50	52%
Monthly fee and measured service	29	21	8	38%
Pre-paid card	70	37	33	89%
Calling Party Pays	18	16	2	13%
TLRD *	18	11	7	64%
Handset sales and accessories	4	5	(1)	-20%
Others	8	7	1	14%
Telephone Directories (Publicom)	9	7	2	29%
TOTAL NET REVENUES	3,357	2,585	772	30%

* Charges for the termination of calls of the cellular operators.

6- Consolidated Revenues Breakdown

Three - Month Comparison

	Jun-30		Δ\$	Δ%
	2006	2005		
Fixed Telephony	555	534	21	4%
Measured service				
Local	127	124	3	2%
DLD	110	111	(1)	-1%
Monthly charges	178	166	12	7%
Public telephones	33	38	(5)	-13%
Interconnection	75	62	13	21%
Others	32	33	(1)	-3%
International Telephony	59	55	4	7%
Data transmission & Internet	139	115	24	21%
Cellular Telephony	984	637	347	54%
Telecom Personal	905	584	321	55%
Monthly fee and measured service	211	132	79	60%
Pre-paid card	286	137	149	109%
Calling Party Pays	116	99	17	17%
TLRD *	98	59	39	66%
Handset sales and accessories	129	80	49	61%
Others	65	77	(12)	-16%
Núcleo	79	53	26	49%
Monthly fee and measured service	16	11	5	45%
Pre-paid card	38	21	17	81%
Calling Party Pays	8	9	(1)	-11%
TLRD *	11	6	5	83%
Handset sales and accessories	3	2	1	50%
Others	3	4	(1)	-25%

Telephone Directories (Publicom)	8	7	1	14%
TOTAL NET REVENUES	1,745	1,348	397	29%

* Charges for the termination of calls of the cellular operators.

7- **Consolidated Income Statement by Activities**
Six month period - FY 2006
(In million of Argentine pesos)

	Activities			Consolidated Activities	Variation vs 1H 05	
	Fixed Telephony	Cellular Telephony	Publishing Directories		Δ\$	Δ%
NET REVENUES	1,485	1,863	9	3,357	772	30%
Salaries and social security contributions	(324)	(72)	(4)	(400)	(71)	22%
Taxes	(83)	(153)		(236)	(57)	32%
Materials and supplies	(120)	(33)	(2)	(155)	(19)	14%
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(9)	(28)		(37)	(22)	147%
Settlement charges	(53)			(53)	(5)	10%
Interconnection cost	(77)			(77)	(7)	10%
Lease of lines and circuits	(15)	(12)		(27)	(11)	69%
Service fees	(42)	(58)		(100)	(37)	59%
Advertising	(18)	(69)	(2)	(89)	(31)	53%
Agent and Prepaid card commissions	(9)	(230)		(239)	(97)	68%
Cost of cellular handsets		(390)		(390)	(156)	67%
Roaming and TLRD		(245)		(245)	(74)	43%
Others	(89)	(98)	(3)	(190)	(38)	25%
Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A	646	475	(2)	1,119	147	15%
<i>Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A Margin</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>-22%</i>	<i>33%</i>		
Depreciation of fixed assets	(474)	(201)		(675)	51	-7%
Amortization of intangible assets	(6)	(19)		(25)	(2)	9%
OPERATING RESULTS	166	255	(2)	419	196	88%
EQUITY INCOME FROM RELATED COMPANIES		6		6	(1)	-14%
FINANCIAL AND HOLDING INCOME	(225)	(72)	1	(296)	(595)	-199%
DEBT RESTRUCTURING INCOME					15	-100%
OTHER INCOMES AND EXPENSES	(52)	(34)		(86)	(36)	72%
INCOME FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	(111)	155	(1)	43	(421)	-91%
Taxes on income	58	7	1	66	69	-2300%
Minority interest		(10)		(10)	(7)	233%
NET (LOSS)/INCOME	(53)	152		99	(359)	-78%

8- **Consolidated Income Statement by Activities**
Three month period - FY 2006
(In million of Argentine pesos)

	Activities			Consolidated Activities	Variation vs 2Q05	
	Fixed Telephony	Cellular Telephony	Publishing Directories		Δ\$	Δ%
NET REVENUES	753	984	8	1,745	397	29%
Salaries and social security contributions	(168)	(39)	(2)	(209)	(39)	23%
Taxes	(41)	(80)		(121)	(27)	29%
Materials and supplies	(65)	(18)	(2)	(85)	(8)	10%
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(4)	(15)		(19)	(13)	217%
Settlement charges	(26)			(26)	(3)	13%
Interconnection cost	(40)			(40)	(4)	11%
Lease of lines and circuits	(7)	(6)		(13)	(5)	63%
Service fees	(22)	(30)		(52)	(18)	53%
Advertising	(10)	(41)	(1)	(52)	(16)	44%
Agent and Prepaid card commissions	(5)	(118)		(123)	(36)	41%
Cost of cellular handsets		(211)		(211)	(58)	38%
Roaming and TLRD		(116)		(116)	(31)	36%
Others	(46)	(54)	(2)	(102)	(27)	36%
Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A	319	256	1	576	112	24%
<i>Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A Margin</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>33%</i>		
Depreciation of fixed assets	(234)	(103)		(337)	36	-10%
Amortization of intangible assets	(4)	(10)		(14)	(4)	40%
OPERATING RESULTS	81	143	1	225	144	176%
EQUITY INCOME FROM RELATED COMPANIES						
FINANCIAL AND HOLDING INCOME	(84)	(30)		(114)	(238)	-192%
DEBT RESTRUCTURING INCOME					7	-100%
OTHER INCOMES AND EXPENSES	(27)	(17)		(44)	(31)	238%
INCOME FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	(30)	96	1	67	(118)	-64%
Taxes on income	38	(4)		34	38	-950%
Minority interest		(5)		(5)	(3)	150%
NET (LOSS)/INCOME	8	87	1	96	(83)	-46%

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(In millions of Argentine pesos)

9- Balance Sheet

	Jun-30 2006	Dec-31 2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Cash, equivalents and investments	316	558	(242)	-43%
Trade receivables	351	349	2	1%
Other current assets	62	36	26	72%
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	729	943	(214)	-23%
Other Trade receivables	265	169	96	57%
Fixed & Intangible assets	4.323	4.601	(278)	-6%
Investments	822	829	(7)	-1%
Other non-current assets	19	21	(2)	-10%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5.429	5.620	(191)	-3%
TOTAL ASSETS	6.158	6.563	(405)	-6%
Accounts payable	410	399	11	3%
Loans	812	819	(7)	-1%
Reserves	67	54	13	24%
Other current liabilities	177	193	(16)	-8%
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1.466	1.465	1	0%
Loans	2.340	2.802	(462)	-16%
Compensation and social benefits payable	31	30	1	3%
Others liabilities	200	258	(58)	-22%
Reserves	150	141	9	6%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2.721	3.231	(510)	-16%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4.187	4.696	(509)	-11%
Shareholders equity	1.971	1.867	104	6%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	6.158	6.563	(405)	-6%

10- Income Statement**Six - Month Comparison**

	30-Jun		Δ\$	Δ%
	2006	2005		
Net revenues	1.641	1.499	142	9%
Cost of services provided	(955)	(937)	(18)	-2%
GROSS PROFIT	686	562	124	22%

Administrative expenses	(79)	(76)	(3)	-4%
Selling expenses	(290)	(263)	(27)	-10%
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	317	223	94	42%
Equity income from related companies	(8)	(42)	34	81%
Financial & holding results	(225)	336	(561)	-167%
Debt Restructuring Results		(15)	15	
Other incomes & expenses	(43)	(34)	(9)	-26%
RESULTS FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	41	468	(427)	-91%
Taxes on income	58	(10)	68	-680%
NET (LOSS)/INCOME	99	458	(359)	-78%
Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A	797	771	26	3%
<i>As a % of Net Revenues</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>51%</i>		

11- Income Statement
Three-Month Comparison

	30-Jun			
	2006	2005	Δ\$	Δ%
Net revenues	832	757	75	10%
Cost of services provided	(486)	(469)	(17)	-4%
GROSS PROFIT	346	288	58	20%
Administrative expenses	(39)	(43)	4	9%
Selling expenses	(150)	(136)	(14)	-10%
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	157	109	48	44%
Equity income from related companies	7	(44)	51	116%
Financial & holding results	(84)	143	(227)	-159%
Debt Restructuring Results		(7)	7	
Other incomes & expenses	(22)	(12)	(10)	-83%
RESULTS FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	58	189	(131)	-69%
Taxes on income	38	(10)	48	
NET (LOSS)/INCOME	96	179	(83)	-46%
Operating (Loss)/Profit before D&A	395	383	12	3%
<i>As a % of Net Revenues</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>51%</i>		

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: August 11, 2006

/s/ Gerardo Werthein

By:

Name: Gerardo Werthein

Title: Vice-President