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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of August 2016

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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Press Release dated August 9, 2016 titled "Telecom Argentina S.A. announces the second payment of dividends for the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2015"

For immediate release

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Telecom Argentina S.A.

announces the second payment of dividends for the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2015

Buenos Aires, August 9, 2016 - Telecom Argentina S.A. (“Telecom Argentina” or the “Company”) (BASE: TECO2, NYSE: TEO), one of Argentina's leading telecommunications groups, announced today that the Management of the Company, in accordance to the powers delegated by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on April 29, 2016, resolved that the distribution of the second payment of cash dividends to Shareholders for the amount of **P\$ 1,300,000,000** will start on **August 26, 2016**.

The amount to be distributed is equivalent to 134.14% of the outstanding capital and the nominal value of its representative shares or **P\$1.341368329 per outstanding share in circulation or P\$6.71 per ADR**, prior to Personal Asset Tax deductions - if applicable- as described below. Dividends will not be paid to nor reserved for Treasury shares.

For **ADR holders**, the **Record Date** of this second dividend payment is **August 25, 2016** and the **Payment Date** is **September 2, 2016**. The payment to these shareholders will be made through the Depositary Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A.

For **non-ADR holders**, the **Record Date** of this second dividend payment is also **August 25, 2016** and payment will be available as from **August 26, 2016** (as described below). For these shareholders, payment will be made through Caja de Valores S.A. in Argentina.

The Company will deduct from the dividend payment the proportionate value of any amount of Personal Asset Tax paid by the Company (pursuant to the unnumbered section following section 25 of Law No. 23,966, as amended) for fiscal year 2015. Deductions of Personal Asset Tax payments will not apply to shareholders who did not own shares or ADRs on December 31, 2015 and to those who have reimbursed the Company the amount related to such tax obligations.

Due to the time required to determine which non-ADR holders are subject to the referred tax, the effective date of the dividend distribution through Caja de Valores S.A. will be made within 10 days of the payment date, in accordance with the time period established in Article 90 of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange Listing Rules.

Telecom Argentina is the parent company of a leading telecommunications group in Argentina, where it offers, either itself 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 Argentina's issued common stock. Nortel is a holding company whose common stock (approximately 78% 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 August 9, 2016, Telecom Argentina continued to have 984,380,978 shares issued and 969,159,605 shares outstanding.

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press release, 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.

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 9, 2016 By: /s/ Pedro G. Insussarry
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