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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the month of June, 2013

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Telefónica, S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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RAMIRO SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES

General Secretary and

Secretary to the Board of Directors

TELEFÓNICA, S.A.

TELEFÓNICA, S.A. as provided in article 82 of the Spanish Securities Market Act (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*), hereby reports the following

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Telefónica S.A. (hereinafter, Telefónica) has reached an agreement with Hutchison Whampoa Group, for the sale of its 100% participation in Telefónica Ireland, Ltd.

The value of the sale totals 850 million euros, including an initial cash consideration of 780 million euros at closing of the transaction, and an additional deferred payment of 70 million euros based on the completion of agreed financial objectives.

The transaction is subject, among other conditions, to the relevant competition approvals.

It is expected that this agreement will positively impact the reduction of Telefónica's net debt position by approximately 780 million euros, without considering the additional deferred payment. Thus, accelerating Telefónica's deleveraging process and making closer the goal to reach a net debt level below 47,000 million euros in 2013.

This transaction is part of the policy of proactive management of the portfolio of assets of the Company and the initiatives to increase Telefónica's financial flexibility.

Madrid, 24 June 2013.

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.

Telefónica, S.A.

Date: June 24, 2013

By: /s/ Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García-Ovies
Name: Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García-Ovies
Title: General Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Directors