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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
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Telefónica, S.A.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Financial Highlights

In the first nine months of 2009 the Telefónica Group posted a solid set of results, boosted by its high diversification and its execution skills in a changing environment. This, together with an efficient management of both operating expenses and CapEx, led to a ramp up in organic¹ growth rates from revenues to operating cash flow:

The Company recorded a sharp rise in commercial activity in the third quarter of 2009 in its areas of operation. Of particular note were the 5.0 million wireless net adds, in line with the figure for the first half, driven by the marked improvement in Spain (2.5x the figure for the first half) and Latin America (1.2x the net adds for the first six months of the year).

Telefónica access base exceeded 268 million (+6.6% year-on-year), with a sharp rise in wireless (+8.9%), fixed broadband (+9.8%) and pay TV (+15.1%) accesses.

Revenues totalled 41,721 million euros (+0.1% in organic¹ terms) while OIBDA climbed 1.8% year-on-year in organic terms¹ to 16,647 million euros.

At the end of September the OIBDA margin stood at 39.9%, a 0.7 percentage point improvement in organic¹ terms.

Operating cash flow (OIBDA-CapEx) stood at 12,270 million euros, representing solid year-on-year growth of 10.1% in organic terms¹ thanks to the improved efficiency ratio², which reached 73.9% (-2.2 percentage points year-on-year).

The Company reiterates its financial targets for 2009 and its commitment to propose a dividend payment of 1.15 euros per share against 2009 earnings (the first payment has already been made).

Telefónica Latinoamérica remains the growth driver of the Group with revenues up 5.8% year-on-year in organic terms³, ramping up to 13.5% and 31.4% in terms of OIBDA and operating cash-flow growth respectively.

Telefónica Europe posted solid results, reflecting the benefits of a larger scale and efficiency improvements. Revenues were up 1.4% year-on-year in organic terms⁴, OIBDA advanced 4.6% and operating cash flow jumped 16.1%. Of particular note in the third quarter was the acceleration in year-on-year increase in revenues in organic terms⁴, excluding the impact of lower mobile termination rates.

¹ Assuming constant exchange rates and including the consolidation of Telemig in January-March 2008. OIBDA and OI figures do not include the impact of capital gains registered in the second quarter of 2008 from the sale of Airwave and

Sogecable.

- 2 Defined as last twelve months
(OpEx+CapEx-Internal expenses capitalized in fixed assets)/Revenues. CapEx excludes the acquisition of spectrum and Efficiency Program at T. España.
- 3 Assuming constant exchange rates and including consolidation of Telemig in January-March 2008.
- 4 Assuming constant exchange rates and excluding the impact of capital gains registered in the second quarter of 2008 from the sale of Airwave.

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The businesses in Spain recorded a sharp increase in commercial activity in the third quarter of 2009, with significant improvements in all services (fixed telephony, fixed retail broadband, pay TV and wireless telephony), **with a slight slowdown in the year-on-year decrease in revenues in the last three months.**

Initiatives taken to contain both operating expenses and CapEx helped lift revenue pressure (-6.4% year-on-year on a comparable basis⁵) on operating cash flow (-3.3% in comparable terms⁵).

Net income climbed 6.4% year-on-year to 5,610 million euros in the first nine months (basic earnings per share up 9.0%), excluding the impact derived from capital gains registered in 2008 from the sale of Airwave and Sogetel.

Reported revenues fell by 3.3% in January-September 2009, OIBDA was down 2.2% and OI slipped 2.0% while net income rose 0.3%, basically due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. OIBDA, OI and net income were also affected by the impact derived from capital gains booked in 2008.

The ratio of net debt + commitments to OIBDA stood at 2.0x at the end of September, reflecting the Company's financial strength.

⁵ Comparable basis, excluding: Universal Service: 183 million euros in revenue and 51 million euros in OIBDA in the third quarter of 2008 and 75 million euros in revenues and 22 million euros in OIBDA in the first quarter of 2009; sale of bad debt portfolios: 25 million euros in OIBDA in the first quarter of 2008; real estate capital gains: 0.5 million euros in OIBDA January-September 2009 and 73 million euros in OIBDA in the same period in 2008; revision of the estimates for the adjustment to workforce adaptation plans provided for in prior periods, which resulted in lower expenses of 90 million euros in the

second quarter of 2009
and sale of applications
rights: 48 million euros
in revenue and OIBDA
in the third quarter of
2009.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Unaudited figures (Euros in millions)

	January - September		% Chg		Guidance Criteria
	2009	2008	Reported	Organic	
Revenues	41,721	43,141	(3.3)	0.1	0.3
Telefónica España (1)	14,655	15,706	(6.7)	(6.7)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	16,616	16,311	1.9	5.8	
Telefónica Europe	10,055	10,691	(5.9)	1.4	
OIBDA (2)(3)	16,647	17,026	(2.2)	1.8	1.9
Telefónica España (1)	7,240	7,857	(7.9)	(7.9)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	6,636	6,029	10.1	13.5	
Telefónica Europe (2)	2,878	3,072	(6.3)	4.6	
OIBDA margin (2)(3)	39.9%	39.5%	0.4 p.p.	0.7 p.p.	
Telefónica España	49.4%	50.0%	(0.6 p.p.)	(0.6 p.p.)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	39.9%	37.0%	3.0 p.p.	2.7 p.p.	
Telefónica Europe (2)	28.6%	28.7%	(0.1 p.p.)	0.9 p.p.	
Operating Income (OI) (2)(3)	10,024	10,223	(2.0)	2.1	
Telefónica España	5,642	6,168	(8.5)	(8.5)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	3,897	3,312	17.7	19.7	
Telefónica Europe (2)	690	768	(10.1)	17.0	
Net income (2)(3)	5,610	5,596	0.3		
Basic earnings per share (euros) (2)(3)	1.23	1.20	2.7		
Free Cash Flow per share (euros)	1.48	1.35	9.9		
OpCF (OIBDA-CapEx) (2) (3)	12,270	11,621	5.6	10.1	10.3
Telefónica España (1)	6,113	6,302	(3.0)	(3.0)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	4,668	3,626	28.7	31.4	
Telefónica Europe (2)	1,687	1,693	(0.3)	16.1	

- Reconciliation included in the excel spreadsheets.

(1) *In comparable
terms revenues of
Telefónica España*

would decline by 6.4%, OIBDA would decrease by 8.2% and OpCF would drop 3.3%. Comparable terms exclude: Universal Service: 183 million euros in revenue and 51 million euros in OIBDA in the third quarter of 2008 and 75 million euros in revenues and 22 million euros in OIBDA in the first quarter of 2009; sale of bad debt portfolios: 25 million euros in OIBDA in the first quarter of 2008; real estate capital gains: 0.5 million euros in OIBDA January-September 2009 and 73 million euros in OIBDA in the same period in 2008 and revision of the estimates for the adjustment to workforce adaptation plans provided for in prior periods, which resulted in lower expenses of 90 million euros in the second quarter of 2009 and sale of applications rights: 48 million euros in revenue and OIBDA in the third quarter of 2009.

- (2) *The second quarter of 2008 includes a positive impact of 113 million euros*

*derived from
Airwave disposal.
OIBDA and OI
include 42 million
euros from
restructuring costs
registered in 2009.*

*(3) Sogecable capital
gain amounting
143 million euros is
recorded in the
second quarter of
2008.*

Notes:

- OIBDA and OI are presented before brand fees and management fees.
- OIBDA margin calculated as OIBDA over revenues.
- Starting April 2008, Vivo consolidates Telemig.
- *Organic criteria:* Assumes constant exchange rates and includes the consolidation of Telemig in January-March 2008. OIBDA and OI figures do not include the impact of capital gains registered in 2008 from the sale of Airwave (113 m) and Sogecable (143 m).
- *Guidance criteria:* Full year 2008 adjusted figures for guidance exclude Sogecable capital gain (143 m), the application of provisions made in T. Europe in respect of potential contingencies deriving from the past disposal of shareholdings, once these risks had dissipated or had not materialized (174 m) and includes 9 months of consolidation of Telemig in T. Latam. 2009 figures for guidance assume 2008 constant FX (average FX in 2008). In terms of guidance calculation OIBDA exclude capital gains and losses from sale of companies and write-offs. Group CapEx excludes Real Estate Efficiency Program of T. España and spectrum licenses.

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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.

Telefónica, S.A.

Date: November 12th, 2009

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