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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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

For the month of October 2002 Commission File Number 1-8481

BCE Inc. (Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F X

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No X

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):82- .

This Form 6-K is not incorporated by reference in the registration statement filed by BCE Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Form F-3 on June 15, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12130), under Form S-8 on October 16, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12780), under Form S-8 on November 1, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12802) and under Form S-8 on November 1, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12804). Notwithstanding any reference to BCE Inc.'s Web site on the World Wide Web in the documents attached hereto, the information contained in BCE Inc.'s Web site or any other site on the World Wide Web referred to in BCE Inc.'s site is not a part of this Form 6-K and, therefore, is not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. 1

For Immediate Release

MICHAEL SABIA APPOINTED TO BCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Montreal (Quebec), October 23, 2002 -- Bell Canada Enterprises' Board of Directors today announced the appointment of Michael J. Sabia, President and Chief Executive Officer of BCE, as a Director of the Company. Mr. Sabia is also Chief Executive Officer of Bell Canada and a Director of the company.

Richard J. Currie, Chairman of the Board of BCE, said, "We are extremely pleased with the progress being made at BCE. Under Michael's leadership the company has gone through a challenging yet successful period as he continues to bring a strategic and disciplined focus to all aspects of the company's operations."

About BCE

BCE is Canada's largest communications company. It has 24 million customer connections through the wireline, wireless, data/Internet and satellite services it provides, largely under the Bell brand. BCE leverages those connections with extensive content creation capabilities through Bell Globemedia which features some of the strongest brands in the industry -- CTV, Canada's leading private broadcaster, The Globe and Mail, Canada's National Newspaper and Sympatico-Lycos, a leading Canadian Internet portal. As well, BCE has extensive e-commerce capabilities provided under the BCE Emergis brand. BCE shares are listed in Canada, the United States and Europe.

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SIGNATURE

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.

BCE Inc.

(Signed Michael T. Boychuk)

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Michael T. Boychuk Senior Vice-President and Corporate Treasurer

Date: October 24, 2002