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UNITED STATES  
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 SEPTEMBER 2006

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Piazza degli Affari 2  
20123 Milan, Italy  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

YES  NO

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**PRESS RELEASE**

*Milan, 15 September 2006* The Board of Directors of Telecom Italia S.p.A. met today, in relation to the recent events regarding the Company following the meeting of 11 September 2006, at which the operation of re-organization of the Company through the splitting off of the branches relative to the local fixed network and the domestic mobile telephone business was approved.

During the meeting, the Chairman Marco Tronchetti Provera tendered his resignation. This decision was motivated by the intention of protecting the interests of the company and shareholders in the continuation of the strategic direction identified by the Board, removing the Company from the tensions which have emerged and avoiding that the unjustified personalization of the events of the last few days compromise the realization of that strategic direction and the consequent re-organization decided.

The Board of Directors unanimously rejected the resignation and with force requested Mr. Tronchetti Provera to withdraw the decision. Acknowledging the irrevocability of the resignation and sharing the primary interest of ensuring continuity in the pursuit of the strategies and operations decided, the Board assumed as its own the recommendations of Mr. Tronchetti Provera and nominated Mr. Guido Rossi to substitute him in the role of Chairman. The Board also nominated as Executive Deputy Chairman Mr. Carlo Buora and conferred to him the organizational responsibilities and the powers which had been Mr. Tronchetti Provera's, with the exception of the functions of general counsel and the management of institutional relations, which will report to the Chairman. The Board of Directors also confirmed Mr. Gilberto Benetton as Deputy Chairman and Mr. Riccardo Ruggiero as Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Guido Rossi, in accepting the appointment, confirmed the intention of carrying out his mandate in continuity with the strategies and objectives already identified by the board, continuing with the realization of the operations communicated to the market.

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Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the "Safe Harbor" Provision of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements. The Press Release included in this Form 6-K contains certain forward looking statements and forecasts reflecting management's current views with respect to certain future events. The ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve its projected results is dependent on many factors which are outside of management's control. Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking information involves risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results and are based on certain key assumptions.

The following important factors could cause the Telecom Italia Group's actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward-looking statements:

- the continuing impact of increased competition in a liberalized market, including competition from global and regional alliances formed by other telecommunications operators in the core domestic fixed-line and wireless markets of the Telecom Italia Group;

- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to introduce new services to stimulate increased usage to its fixed and wireless networks to offset declines in its traditional fixed-line business due to the continuing impact of regulatory required price reductions, market share loss and pricing pressures generally and shifts in usage pattern;

- the level of demand for telecommunications services, particularly wireless telecommunication services in the maturing Italian market and for new higher value added products and services such as broadband;

- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to successfully implement its reorganization;

- the success of Telecom Italia's customer loyalty and retention programs and the impact of such programs on revenues;

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- the impact of regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment, including implementation of recently adopted EU directives in Italy;
- the impact of economic development generally on the international business of the Telecom Italia Group and on its foreign investments and capital expenditures;
- the continuing impact of rapid or "disruptive" changes in technologies;
- the impact of political and economic developments in Italy and other countries in which the Telecom Italia Group operates;
- the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates;
- Telecom Italia's ability to successfully implement its strategy over the 2006-2008 period;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to successfully achieve its debt reduction targets;
- Telecom Italia's ability to successfully implement its internet and broadband strategy;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve the expected return on the significant investments and capital expenditures it has made and continues to make in Brazil and in Europe on broadband;
- the amount and timing of any future impairment charges for Telecom Italia's licences, goodwill or other assets; and
- the impact of litigation or decreased mobile communications usage arising from actual or perceived health risks or other problems relating to mobile handsets or transmission masts.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Such factors should also be considered together with risk factors included in Telecom Italia Group's Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2005. Due to such uncertainties and risks, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Group will achieve its projected results.

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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.

Date: September 15th, 2006

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro  
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