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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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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

The Company reiterates its 2009 guidance for all metrics, announced in February 2009, and maintains its target of paying a dividend of 1.15 euros per share for 2009 fiscal year, in line with Telefónica's commitment to prioritize shareholder remuneration for the use of the free cash flow and to progressively increase its dividend per share.

The sound performance posted in the first quarter of the year confirms Telefónica's differential growth profile in the sector. The high diversification of the Group both by regions and by businesses and the Company's focus to capture the growth potential of expanding businesses have resulted in revenue's and OIBDA's organic growth of 2.8% and 2.5%, respectively.

Consolidated revenues reached 13,703 million euros and OIBDA topped 5,354 million euros in the quarter.

The total number of accesses increased by 11.9% compared to the first quarter of 2008 to 261.4 million, boosted by strong growth in mobile (+15.4%), broadband (+17.5%) and pay TV (+24.8%).

The strong performance of the businesses in Latin America, that continue to push the Group's growth (with revenue and OIBDA year-on-year growth of 8.7% and 13.9%, respectively, in organic terms¹), together with the positive results posted by T. Europe (revenue +4.0%; OIBDA +7.0%, in organic terms¹), offset the lower contribution of T. España (revenue -5.7%; OIBDA -5.0% in comparable terms²).

Consolidated OIBDA margin increased to 39.1% vs. 38.7% in the first quarter of 2008, with all the regions showing year-on-year improvements in comparable terms^{1,2}. As a result, reported OIBDA margin stood at 48.9% at T. España vs. 38.5% at T. Latinoamérica and 27.2% at T. Europa.

Operating Cash Flow (OIBDA-CapEx) increased by 4.5% year-on-year in organic terms¹ to reach 4,154 million euros in the first three months of 2009, reflecting the success of Telefónica's strategy, focused on growing the businesses and the cash flow generation.

In the current context, the Company improves its efficiency ratio³ by 0.9 percentage points vs. January-March 2008 to reach 75.3% at the end of the quarter.

The strong growth of the Operating Cash Flow at T. Latinoamérica (+14.3% in organic terms¹; 1,606 million euros and at T. Europe (+11.7% in organic terms¹; 527 million euros) together with the stability of the cash flow generated by T. España in comparable terms² (2,068 million euros) has to be highlighted.

Free Cash Flow per share stood at 0.28 euros in January-March 2009, vs. 0.18 euros in the first quarter of 2008, improving close to 57% year-on-year.

Net income in the first quarter of 2009 reached 1,690 million euros, up 9.8% year-on-year, or 12.9% in terms of basic earnings per share, which stood at 0.37 euros.

In reported terms, revenues fell by 1.4% and OIBDA dropped 0.4%, basically due to exchange rate fluctuations whereas Operating Income (OI) increased by 2.9%.

Telefónica maintained its financial strength, with a ratio of net financial debt + commitments to OIBDA of 2.1 times at the end of March. During the first quarter of the year Telefónica successfully completed various credit market operations, consolidating its solid credit profile.

¹ Assuming constant exchange rates and

including consolidation of Telemig in January-March 2008.

- ² Growth in comparable terms in T. España excludes real state capital gains (0.4 million euros in January-March 2009 and 67 million euros in January-March 2008), bad debt recovery amounting to 25 million euros in the first quarter of 2008 and the recognition of the Universal Service obligation in the first quarter of 2009 (with an impact of 75.3 million euros in revenues and 21.7 million euros in OIBDA).
- ³ Defined as (Operating Expenses+ CapEx-Internal Expenses capitalized in fixed assets)/ Last 12 month s revenue s. CapEx figure excludes spectrum acquisition.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Unaudited figures (Euros in millions)

	January - March		Reported	% Chg Organic	Guidance
	2009	2008			
Revenues	13,703	13,896	(1.4)	2.8	3.3
Telefónica España (1)	4,913	5,131	(4.2)	(4.2)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	5,403	5,158	4.8	8.7	
Telefónica Europe	3,245	3,472	(6.6)	4.0	
OIBDA	5,354	5,376	(0.4)	2.5	2.9
Telefónica España (1)	2,402	2,597	(7.5)	(7.5)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	2,081	1,877	10.9	13.9	
Telefónica Europe	883	912	(3.2)	7.0	
OIBDA margin	39.1%	38.7%	0.4 p.p.	(0.1 p.p.)	
Telefónica España	48.9%	50.6%	(1.7 p.p.)	(1.7 p.p.)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	38.5%	36.4%	2.1 p.p.	1.7 p.p.	
Telefónica Europe	27.2%	26.3%	0.9 p.p.	0.8 p.p.	
Operating Income (OI)	3,190	3,099	2.9	3.9	
Telefónica España	1,871	2,019	(7.4)	(7.4)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	1,200	986	21.7	21.7	
Telefónica Europe	163	135	20.8	41.2	
Net income	1,690	1,538	9.8		
Basic earnings per share (euros)	0.37	0.33	12.9		
Free Cash Flow per share (euros)	0.28	0.18	56.9		
OpCF (OIBDA-CapEx)	4,154	4,057	2.4	4.5	5.0
Telefónica España (1)	2,068	2,134	(3.1)	(3.1)	
Telefónica Latinoamérica	1,606	1,419	13.2	14.3	
Telefónica Europe	527	530	(0.6)	11.7	

- **Reconciliation included in the excel spreadsheets.**

(1) *In comparable terms revenues of Telefónica España declined by 5.7%, OIBDA decreased by 5.0% and OpCF grew 0.2%. Comparable terms growth rates exclude real estate capital gains (0.4 million euros in January-March 2009 and 67 million euros in January-March 2008), bad debt recovery amounting to 25 million euros in the first quarter of 2008 and the recognition of the Universal Service Obligation in the first quarter of 2009 (with an impact of 75.3 million euros in revenues and 21.7 million euros in OIBDA).*

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.*
 - *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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For further information please refer to the information on 2009 first quarter results filed by the Company and also available on the Company s website: www.telefonica.es

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: May 13th, 2009

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