

ERICSSON LM TELEPHONE CO

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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

December 10, 2012

LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone Company, dated **December 10, 2012** regarding Ericsson starts negotiations on ownership of ST-Ericsson

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.

TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON (publ)

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Date: **December 10, 2012**

PRESS RELEASE

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Ericsson starts negotiations on ownership of ST-ericsson

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) today announced that it will continue to work together with STMicroelectronics (NYSE:STM) to find a suitable strategic solution for the two companies Joint Venture ST-Ericsson. STMicroelectronics has today announced its intention to exit as a shareholder in ST-Ericsson.

ST-Ericsson announced its strategic plan in April 2012 and is in the middle of executing on company transformation aiming at lowering its break-even point and introducing new technologies. Ericsson continues to believe that the modem technology, which it originally contributed to the Joint Venture, has a strategic value for the wireless industry. For Ericsson, a key priority in this process is a successful market introduction of the new LTE modems that it is certain will be very competitive and needed in the market.

During the process Ericsson will not speculate on the possible outcomes, timelines, and future ownership structures of ST-Ericsson.

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