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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 OCTOBER 2004

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

CORSO D'ITALIA 41
ROME, ITALY 00198
(Address of principal executive offices)

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

YES NO

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PRESS RELEASE

TELECOM ITALIA: NEXT STAGE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESTRUCTURING PLAN

The Board adopts the merger of IT Telecom SpA and Epiclink SpA into Telecom Italia SpA

Milan, October 11, 2004 - At today's Telecom Italia Board of Directors meeting, chaired by Marco Tronchetti Provera, the Board passed a resolution on the merger of IT Telecom SpA and Epiclink SpA into Telecom Italia SpA, following the resolution taken on September 9. Today's resolution marks the next stage in restructuring the Group's Information Technology operations.

It is expected that the two companies (whose Boards also passed merger resolutions today) will be merged into Telecom Italia by the end of the year. As both of these companies are wholly-owned Telecom Italia subsidiaries, the merger will not generate any capital increase for the company.

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The Board of Directors adopted the following 2005 company events calendar:

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February 14 - Board Meeting to examine the preliminary 2004 full-year results

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March 16 - Board Meeting to examine the draft full-year 2004 operating accounts and consolidated financial statements

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April 22 - 26 (first and second call) - Shareholders Meeting to adopt the full-year 2004 accounts

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May 9 - Board Meeting to examine the Annual Report 2004 (pursuant to US law) and the first-quarter 2005 report

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July 26 - Board Meeting to examine preliminary first-half 2005 data

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September 8 - Board Meeting to examine the first-half 2005 report

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November 8 - Board Meeting to examine the third-quarter 2005 report

Any alterations to this timetable shall be announced in good time.

Telecom Italia intends to make use of the dispensation from publishing a report on the fourth quarter of 2004 and the second quarter of 2005, and instead publish the draft annual company and Group accounts for 2004 within 90 days of the end of the financial year, and the 2005 first-half report within 75 days after the end of the first half of the year.

Dividends for the 2004 financial year shall be paid out in May 2005.

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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 dependant 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 of its fixed and wireless networks to offset declines in its fixed-line business due to the continuing impact of regulatory required price reductions, market share loss and pricing pressures generally;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve cost-reduction targets in the time frame established or to continue the process of rationalizing its non-core assets;
- the impact of regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment;
- the impact of the slowdown in Latin American economies and the slow

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recovery of economies generally on the international business of the Telecom Italia Group focused on Latin America and on its foreign investments and capital expenditures;

- the continuing impact of rapid 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 continue the implementation of its 2002-2004 Industrial Plan, including the rationalization of its corporate structure and the disposition of Telecom Italia's interests in various companies;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to successfully achieve its debt reduction targets;
- Telecom Italia's ability to successfully roll out its UMTS networks and services and to realize the benefits of its investment in UMTS licenses and related capital expenditures;
- Telecom Italia's ability to successfully implement its internet strategy;
- the ability of the Telecom Italia Group to achieve the expected return on the significant investments and capital expenditures it has made in Latin America and in Europe;
- 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. 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.

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: October 12th, 2004

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro

Carlo De Gennaro
Company Manager