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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February 2007

**NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VENEZUELA
(CANTV)**

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

EDIFICIO CANTV

AVENIDA LIBERTADOR

CARACAS, VENEZUELA

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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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.

COMPAÑIA ANONIMA NACIONAL
TELEFONOS DE VENEZUELA, (CANTV)

By: /s/ Armando Yañes
Armando Yañes
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 16, 2007

From: CANTV
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CANTV ANNOUNCES

DIVIDEND PAYMENT PROPOSAL, GSM NETWORK DEPLOYMENT APPROVAL,

2007 GUIDANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Caracas, Venezuela (February 15, 2007) Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela (CANTV) (NYSE: VNT) announces after today's ordinary meeting of its Board of Directors the following:

- 1) The Board of Directors call for the annual shareholders meeting to be held on Friday March 30, 2007 at 8:30am, Caracas time For detailed announcement see page 3
- 2) The Board of Directors approval to propose to shareholders the payment of a dividend of Bs. 922.07 per share (US\$3.003 per ADS). For detailed announcement see page 5
- 3) The Board of Directors approval of the deployment of a GSM network overlay For detailed announcement see page 7
- 4) The 2007 Guidance For detailed announcement see page 9
- 5) The resignation of Gustavo Roosen, Lorenzo Mendoza and Imanol Valdez as members of the Board of Directors of Cantv For detailed announcement see page 12
- 6) The Board of Directors was informed of the content of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Verizon Communications Inc. and GTE Venholdings B.V. For detailed announcement see page 13

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CANTV BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLS

FOR ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Caracas, Venezuela (February 15, 2007) Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela (CANTV) (NYSE: VNT) announced today that its Board of Directors called for the Annual Shareholders meeting to be held on Friday March 30, 2007.

The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

Approval of the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2006

Payment of dividend

Election of the members of the Board of Directors and their respective alternates for the period 2007-2008

Election of External Auditors

Appointment of principal Statutory Auditors and their respective alternates and the determination of their respective compensation

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DIVIDEND PAYMENT

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This dividend amount represents the minimum required to be declared and paid by Cantv under applicable Venezuelan law.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Verizon Communication Inc. and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on February 12, 2007 related to the proposed nationalization of Cantv, the payment of the dividend will result in a downward adjustment to the proposed offer price if its record date is set prior to the closing date as defined in the agreement.

A portion of the dividend will be subject to withholding tax as the retained earnings from which such portion is sourced has not been subject to income tax. This is the first time that CANTV is required to withhold on a dividend for tax purposes. The applicable withholding tax rate depends on the fiscal residence of the recipient of the dividend up to a maximum rate of 34%. The taxable portion of the US\$3.003 dividend is US\$0.690.

Since dividends are paid in bolivars, under the exchange control regime implemented in January 2003, the repatriation of dividends in US dollars for American Depositary Shares (ADS) holders and foreign investors must be requested from CADIVI (the Government's Commission for Administration of Foreign Exchange). The timing for the request and final approval depend on the fulfillment of formalities and documentation with CADIVI.

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CANTV BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED

THE DEPLOYMENT OF A GSM NETWORK

Caracas, Venezuela (February 15, 2007) Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela (Cantv) (NYSE: VNT), announced today that it approved the deployment of a GSM network, which will coexist with its current CDMA/EV-DO network. With this GSM network, Movilnet, Cantv's mobile subsidiary will be in a position to complement its products and service offerings in response to the growing demands of the Venezuelan mobile telecommunications service market.

Given the current penetration levels and competitive conditions, the challenges of capturing and retaining subscribers is expected to increase. The use of GSM technology will allow the development of competitive offers targeted to the high value customer segment where GSM will be the technology of choice in 2007.

With this decision, Cantv believes it will be able to strengthen its market share position while seeking to gain revenue share leadership.

Movilnet's customers served with CDMA technology are expected to continue to benefit from innovative products and services, and also enjoy superior data service offerings. During 2007, the Company expects to continue investing to expand capacity and coverage of its CDMA network.

GSM network deployment is expected to begin as soon as supply contracts are signed. We anticipate such contracts to be signed in March, 2007. Revenue estimates, costs and investments contained in Guidance 2007 published today take into account the effect of the proposed investment in the new network for 2007.

Movilnet's GSM network deployment plan assumes an investment of US\$250 million during 2007 and 2008 to achieve coverage equivalence to CDMA. Cantv aims to capture more than 600 thousand GSM subscribers by the end of 2008.

Movilnet expects to take advantage of the knowledge acquired over the last several years deploying and operating different technologies, as well as the versatility in the operation and integration of its current systems and networks to ensure high efficiency and quality levels on managing coexisting networks.

Cantv will continue to evaluate the evolution of both technologies together with the Venezuelan market preferences and spectrum availability to assess its expansion plans in the coming years.

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CANTV ANNOUNCES 2007 GUIDANCE

INITIAL NOTES

Cantv 2007 Guidance is based on the Company's current business plan. Potential change of control may result in changes to Company's business plan with a direct impact to this Guidance

Macroeconomic indicators presented here are based on a compilation of market consensus and constitute the Company's working scenario assumed to define the Guidance for operating and financial indicators

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Range	
	From	To
Economic growth		
Total GDP Growth	6.5%	7.3%
Oil GDP Growth	8.2%	10.3%
Average oil price (US\$ per barrel) *	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00
Non-Oil GDP Growth	1.0%	1.4%
Communication GDP	15.0%	15.4%
Exchange rate (Bs./US\$)		
Average	2,150	2,300
Year-end	2,150	2,450
Devaluation (Year-to-Year)	0	14.0%
Inflation (CPI)		
CPI	18%	24%
WPI	22%	26%

* Venezuelan basket

KEY OPERATING INDICATORS

(In thousands)

	Range		Growth range	
	From	To	From	To
Fixed				
Fixed access lines *	4,090	4,145	19.0%	20.0%
ADSL lines	850	923	88.0%	104.0%
Mobile subscribers	9,150	9,306	16.0%	18.0%
Regulated Tariffs Effective Increase			0.0%	0.0%

* Excludes ADSL and private circuits

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

(In billions of Bs.)

	Range		Growth range	
	From	To	From	To
Revenue	8,449	8,914	24%	30%
Cash operating expenses	6,316	6,631	24%	31%
EBITDA	2,133	2,283	21%	30%
<i>EBITDA Margin (bp and percentages)</i>	25%	26%	(100)	0
Net Income (loss)	1,170	1,347	4%	19%
CAPEX	1,838	1,613	53%	34%
Free Cash Flow	521	673	(24)%	(2)%

COMPANY PROFILE

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SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS:

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GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

ADSL:	Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Lines.
Capital expenditures (CAPEX):	Net cash used in investing activities, including acquisition of property, plant and equipment and information systems.
EBITDA:	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, equivalent to operating income plus depreciation and amortization.
EBITDA margin:	EBITDA as a percent of total operating revenue.
Free cash flow (FCF):	Cash flow from operating activities minus cash used in investing activities.
Switched access lines:	Fixed access lines including residential, non residential and public telephony.

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CANTV ANNOUNCES THE RESIGNATION

OF THREE MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Caracas, Venezuela (February 15, 2007) Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela (CANTV) (NYSE: VNT) announced today that Messrs. Gustavo Roosen, Lorenzo Mendoza and Imanol Valdez, resigned as members of the Board of Directors of Cantv, effective before today's Board meeting.

The Board of Directors of CANTV is expected to nominate candidates in respect to these vacancies, together with other nominees to the Board who will stand for election at the Annual Shareholders Meeting scheduled for March 30, 2007.

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CANTV BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS INFORMED TODAY ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF

VENEZUELA, VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND GTE VENHOLDINGS B.V.

Caracas, Venezuela (February 15, 2007) Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela (CANTV) (NYSE: VNT) announced today that its Board of Directors was informed today of the content of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Verizon Communications Inc. and GTE Venholdings B.V.

On January 8, 2007, the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela announced the nationalization of CANTV, since it is considered a national strategic enterprise. On February 12, 2007, the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela entered into a memorandum of understanding with Verizon to acquire Verizon's equity interest in CANTV, for an aggregate purchase price of US\$572.2 million in cash. The purchase price represents US\$2.55 per ordinary CANTV share or US\$17.85 per CANTV ADS.

The terms of the memorandum of understanding also include a commitment by the Government to launch, within 45 days following the date of the agreement, concurrent tender offers in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the United States of America, to acquire any and all shares (and ADS) of capital stock of CANTV at a price per share of the bolivar equivalent of not less than US\$2.55 (calculated at the official exchange rate at closing date) and a price per ADS of not less than US\$17.85, subject to certain conditions, including the completion of a due diligence investigation and the receipt of certain regulatory approvals. The acquisition price would be adjusted downward to give effect to any dividend required to be declared and declared and paid by CANTV with a record date after February 12, 2007 and prior to the closing date, as defined in the agreement.

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