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NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENT

In compliance with article 82 of Spanish Securities Market Law 24/1988, and related provisions, and in order to make it public as the notification of a Significant Event, Telefonica, S.A. hereby informs that on January 7th, its subsidiary Telefonica Moviles, S.A., after obtaining the necessary permission from the respective authorities, has completed the acquisition of BellSouth Chile.

This acquisition marks the close of the third stage of acquisitions in the agreement reached between the Telefonica Group and BellSouth, after the acquisition of 100% of Bellsouth's operators in Ecuador, Panama and Guatemala last October 14th and the acquisition of Bellsouth's operators in Colombia, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Venezuela last

October 28th. Telefonica Moviles expects to complete the remaining acquisition (Argentina) during January.

Telefonica Moviles has acquired the Chilean operator for an enterprise value of 531,8 million dollars, after receiving the regulatory approval from the relevant authorities in this country.

We attach to this official statement press release announced to the media.

PRESS RELEASE

TELEFÓNICA MÓVILES COMPLETES THE ACQUISITION OF BELL SOUTH CHILE

- As a result of this operation, which has an enterprise value of 532 million dollars, Telefonica Moviles has acquired (for a cumulative enterprise value of 4,862 million dollars) nine of the ten mobile telephony operators included in the agreement reached by Telefonica Group and BellSouth, which included a maximum enterprise value of 5,850 million dollars.
- "This acquisition marks a new step in the Telefónica Group's commitment to Chile. Our objective is for the union of Telefónica Móvil and BellSouth to create a benchmark telecommunications company in Latin America", said Antonio Viana - Baptista, Chairman and CEO of Telefonica Moviles.
- The merger of Telefonica Movil and BellSouth Chile will result in a company with approximately 4.7 million customers at the close of 2004. Its leadership of the Chilean market and the experience and leadership of Telefonica Moviles, the second largest mobile telephony multinational in the world, will mean that customers will have access to the most advanced international - standard products.

Madrid, 7 January 2005. -

Telefonica Moviles, the company in charge of managing all Telefonica Group's cellular assets, has completed the acquisition of 100% of BellSouth Chile for an enterprise value of 532 million dollars. The transaction took place once the necessary permission had been received from the Chilean authorities.

This transaction forms part of the agreement reached between the Telefonica Group and BellSouth on last 8 March whereby Telefonica Moviles is to acquire all BellSouth's cellular assets in Latin America, which comprised some 13.1 million customers in 10 countries at the end of the third quarter of 2004.

Telefonica Moviles has already completed the acquisition of nine of the ten operators (in Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Guatemala, Uruguay and Nicaragua), and expects to complete the only remaining acquisition (in Argentina) during January once the Argentinean regulatory authorities finalize the revision of all the issues of the permission requested to complete such transaction.

"This acquisition makes another step in the Telefonica Group's commitment to Chile. Our objective is for the union of Telefonica Movil and BellSouth to create a benchmark telecommunications company in Latin America. To achieve this, we are combining the renowned prestige and professional skills of these companies' management with Telefonica Moviles' global leadership in adding the most innovative mobile telephony solutions to its subsidiaries' offerings", said Antonio Viana - Baptista, Chairman and CEO of Telefonica Moviles.

The operator acquired

BellSouth Chile ended 2004 with 1.43 million customers. By adding its operations to those of Telefonica Movil, Telefonica Moviles' current operator in Chile, Grupo Telefonica Moviles will have around 4.7 million customers at the end of 2004, making it Chilean market leader. As a result, Telefonica Moviles Group is in an excellent position to capture a significant part of the strong growth potential of mobile telephony in Chile.

Telefonica Moviles Group assumes management of BellSouth Chile as from today. The latter company will maintain (as will Telefonica Movil) its brand names and commercial systems for the time being until their commercial platforms are integrated into those of the Telefonica Moviles Group.

Oliver Flögel is the CEO of the Telefonica Moviles' operations in Chile.

The current customers of BellSouth Chile and Telefonica Movil will be able to continue to enjoy their current benefits, telephone number, prices plan and commercial conditions unchanged. The union of Telefonica Movil and BellSouth Chile will exploit the best of both companies, resulting in an operator that will actively collaborate in the development of the country's mobile communications. In this way, customers will enjoy the most developed international - standard products, thanks to the experience and leadership of Telefonica Moviles, the largest mobile telephony group in Chile and Latin America and the second-largest mobile telephony multinational in the world.

The global agreement with BellSouth

Under the global agreement reached by Telefonica Group for Telefonica Moviles to acquire BellSouth's 10 Latin American cellular operators, the transaction values 100% of the companies (firm value) at 5,850 million dollars, to be financed with Telefonica Moviles' cash flow and debt.

The transaction makes Telefonica Moviles the world's second biggest multinational cellular player, with close to 72 million managed customers (figures at the end of the third quarter of 2004) and the largest player in Latin America, with over 50.6 million managed customers. In addition, it is the only mobile telephony company operating in all the region's key markets, which together have over 421 million inhabitants. This leaves the company well positioned to leverage the strong growth potential of the LatAm market.

Telefonica Moviles

Telefonica Moviles manages all the Telefonica Group's cellular assets in the world. It is one of the world's largest mobile telephony operators and leader in the Spanish - and Portuguese-speaking markets. It has operations on three continents and a managed customer base of over 72 million (at the end of the third quarter of 2004) including those of BellSouth's Latin American operators, whose acquisition was agreed in March this year. In 2003 Telefonica Moviles reported 10,070 million euros of operating revenues (+10.2%), EBITDA of 4,463 million euros (+19.5%) and net profit of 1,608 million euros. Telefonica Moviles is a founding member of the European mobile operators' alliance, FreeMove.

Telefonica Moviles' shares are traded on the Spanish and New York Stock Exchanges with the ticker TEM. For more information visit our website: www.telefonicamoviles.com

Telefonica Group

Telefonica Group is one of the world's leading telecommunications companies. Telefonica is the leading operator in the Spanish and Portuguese speaking markets and the fourth biggest operator in the world in terms of market

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capitalisation. Its activities are centered mainly on the fixed and mobile telephony businesses with broadband as the key tool for the development of both of these. The company has a significant presence in 16 countries and has operations in approximately 40. Telefonica has a strong presence in Latin America, where the company operates in eight countries, where its strategy is clearly growth oriented. Its customer base amounts to more than 115 million clients worldwide.

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:	January 10 th , 2005		By:	/s/ Antonio Alonso Ureba	
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