

TV AZTECA SA DE CV
Form 6-K
December 16, 2004

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

For the month of December 2004

Commission File Number 3337776

TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Periférico Sur, No. 4121, Col. Fuentes del Pedregal, 14141 México D.F., México

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V.
(Registrant)

Date: December 16, 2004

By: /s/ OTHÓN FRIAS CALDERÓN
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TV AZTECA FULLY FUNDED TO PREPAY

ITS US\$300 MILLION NOTES DUE 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mexico City, December 15, 2004 TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V. (NYSE: TZA; BMV: TVAZTCA; Latibex: XTZA), one of the two largest producers of Spanish language television programming in the world announced today that it is fully funded to prepay, on December 23, its US\$300 million 10 1/2% Series B Guaranteed Senior Notes due February 15, 2007.

On November 23 the company submitted to bondholders formal notification of the prepayment, based on the terms of the indenture governing the notes. The redemption price for the bonds will be 101.75.

The source funds for the prepayment include proceeds from an issuance today in Mexico of Structured Securities Certificates, yielding TIEE + 2.7%, for the peso equivalent of approximately US\$176 million, as well as approximately US\$124 million from a secured credit line denominated in pesos with Banco Inbursa, S.A., under the terms that have been previously detailed in Azteca Holdings 20F.

The facilities provide for longer maturities compared with the existing notes and have gradual amortizations, consistent with our progressive debt reduction strategy, said Carlos Hesles, Chief Financial Officer of TV Azteca. In addition, the peso denominated loans substantially reduce the overall foreign exchange risk on TV Azteca's debt, increasing the predictability of our financial results.

Company Profile

TV Azteca is one of the two largest producers of Spanish language television programming in the world, operating two national television networks in Mexico, Azteca 13 and Azteca 7, through more than 300 owned and operated stations across the country. TV Azteca affiliates include Azteca America Network, a new broadcast television network focused on the rapidly growing US Hispanic market, and Todito.com, an Internet portal for North American Spanish speakers.

Except for historical information, the matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Risks that may affect TV Azteca are identified in its Form 20-F and other filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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