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November 22, 2002

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 NOVEMBER 2002

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files
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FORM 20-F FORM 40-F

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

YES NO

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PRESS RELEASE

TELECOM ITALIA: SALE OF 45% HOLDING IN IMMSI S.p.A.
FINALIZED

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Milan, 22 November 2002 - Telecom Italia S.p.A. announces that the sale of approximately 45% of IMMSI S.p.A.'s capital to Omniapartecipazioni S.p.A., was finalized today.

As announced on 15 November, the sale price for 99,000,001 shares is 68.3 million euros, corresponding to 69 euro cents per share, with capital gains gross of tax for Telecom Italia of 50.2 million euros.

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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.

Date: November 22, 2002

TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.

BY: /s/ Carlo De Gennaro

Carlo De Gennaro
Company Manager