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Report of Foreign Issuer

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For the month of January 2018

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Telecom Argentina S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Alicia Moreau de Justo, No. 50, 1107

Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Address of principal executive offices)

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1. Press Release – Telecom Argentina S.A. announces an Investment Plan for the 2018-2020 triennium, the payment of dividends for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and of interim dividends for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2017.

For immediate release

Market Cap: P\$310.3 billion

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announces an Investment Plan for the 2018-2020 triennium, the payment of dividends for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and of interim dividends for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2017

Buenos Aires, January 31, 2018 - Telecom Argentina S.A. (“Telecom Argentina” or the “Company”) (BASE: TECO2, NYSE: TEO), one of Argentina's leading telecommunications groups, announces that its Board of Directors approved a three-year Investment Plan (2018-2020) for an amount of U\$S 5,000,000,000 (equivalent to approximately \$100,000,000,000, converted to the exchange rate of today), which will be destined to increase the telephone and mobile internet radiobases, to extend the NGN (Next Generation Networks) networks, and to expand and improve the connectivity infrastructure in order to be able to provide multiplay services, in the framework of convergence.

Additionally, the Company announces that its Board of Directors on its meeting held today, decided to: (i) in accordance to the powers delegated to it by the General Shareholders’ Meeting celebrated on the same day, withdraw the amount of **P\$ 2,863,000,000** of the ‘Reserve for Future Cash Dividends’ as of December 31, 2017 of Telecom Argentina and to distribute such amount as cash dividends, (ii) dispose, based on the Individual and Special Financial Statements of Telecom Argentina S.A. as of September 30, 2017, the distribution of interim cash dividends in the amount of **P\$5,641,000,000** corresponding to the net income (liquid and realized) for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2017, and (iii) dispose, based on the Individual and Special Financial Statements of Cablevisión S.A. (company absorbed by merger by Telecom Argentina) as of September 30, 2017, the distribution of interim cash dividends in the amount of **P\$4,503,000,000** corresponding to the net income (liquid and realized) for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2017. The interim cash dividends mentioned in items (ii) and (iii) are subject to ratification of the Ordinary General Shareholders’ Meeting that considers the documentation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. **Taking into account all the aforementioned items in (i), (ii) and (iii), the total payment amounts to P\$13,007,000,000.**

The payment of these dividends will be made available to Shareholders as from February 15, 2018. The amount to be distributed is equivalent, according with the aforementioned items, to (i) 132.9348% of the outstanding capital and the nominal value of its representative shares and to **P\$1.329347605 per outstanding share in circulation or P\$6.646738027 per ADR**, (ii) 261.9228% of the outstanding capital and the nominal value of its representative shares and to **P\$2.619228027 per outstanding share in circulation and to P\$13.096140135 per ADR**, and (iii) 209.0832% of the outstanding capital and the nominal value of its representative shares and to **P\$2.090832088 per outstanding share in circulation and to P\$10.454160438 per ADR**. **Taking into account all the aforementioned items in (i), (ii) and (iii), the total payment** equals 603.9408% of the outstanding capital and the nominal value of its representative shares and to **P\$6.039407720 per outstanding share in circulation and to P\$30.197038600 per ADR**. Dividends will not be paid to nor reserved for Treasury shares.

For **ADR holders**, the **Record Date** of this dividend payment is **February 14, 2018** and the **Payment Date** is **February 22, 2018**. The payment to these shareholders will be made through the Depository Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A.

For **non-ADR holders**, the **Record Date** of this dividend payment is also **February 14, 2018** and payment will be available on **February 15, 2018**. For these shareholders, payment will be made through Caja de Valores S.A. in Argentina.

Finally, the Board of Directors also disposed the withdrawal and distribution as a second cash dividend payment of the amount of **P\$6,866,418,019**, that will be made available to shareholders as from April 30, 2018, the Board of Directors being able to anticipate such payment if it deems it appropriate in the future.

Telecom Argentina is the parent company of a leading telecommunications group in Argentina, where it offers, either itself or through its controlled subsidiaries local and long distance fixed-line telephony, cellular, data transmission, and pay TV and Internet services, among other services. Additionally, the Telecom Group offers cellular services in Paraguay and pay TV services in Uruguay. The Company commenced operations on November 8, 1990, upon the Argentine government's transfer of the telecommunications system in the northern region of Argentina.

As of January 31, 2018, Telecom Argentina has 2,168,909,384 shares issued and 2,153,688,011 shares outstanding.

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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.

Telecom Argentina S.A.

Date: January 31, 2018 By: /s/ Gabriel P. Blasi

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