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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 2005

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Yes No

This report is deemed submitted and not filed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

November 2, 2005

Ad hoc notification from Deutsche Telekom in accordance with § 15 of the Security Trading Act (WpHG)

Deutsche Telekom faces major staff restructuring measures

6,000 new staff are to be employed for the next three years
7,000 Vivento employees to change employer
Reductions mainly at T-Com
Total of 32,000 employees to leave the Group within three years
No compulsory redundancies within DTAG
Cost of the entire program at EUR 3.3 billion

Due to the massive changes in the industry, Deutsche Telekom faces comprehensive staff restructuring measures. These will include socially acceptable measures to reduce the number of employees, new positions for junior experts as well as the divestiture of Vivento units. The Board of Management has informed the employee representatives of this and has initiated negotiations.

The worldwide realignment of the industry, the rapid pace of technological development and, in particular, the tough competitive environment in the fixed network and broadband sector in Germany imposed by the regulatory situation, intensify the challenges facing the entire Deutsche Telekom Group. On the one hand, jobs must be cut in old core markets; on the other, there are opportunities to create jobs in new innovative markets.

In the next three years, about 32,000 employees in Germany will leave Deutsche Telekom. This includes about 7,000 employees whose positions will be outsourced from Vivento on a permanent basis. While a further 25,000 employees are to leave the Group, around 6,000 new staff are to be employed. Thus, the net reduction of jobs over the next three years will be 19,000.

The background of this net job reduction of 19,000 is the comprehensive restructuring of jobs within the Group. The gross reduction of 27,000 jobs is partially offset by the creation of about 8,000 jobs. Future and present employment potential is greatly dependent on regulatory decisions. For instance, if the development of a high-speed fiber-optic network were endangered by regulation of this new market, an additional 5,000 jobs would be jeopardized.

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The cost of the entire program is about EUR 3.3 billion spread over three years.

Job cuts are to be made via voluntary measures, such as old-age part-time work and severance payments. With regard to civil servants, talks with the federal government about early retirement programs will be necessary. As agreed with the employee representatives, there will be no compulsory redundancies before the end of 2008.

The collective agreement for Deutsche Telekom AG concluded last year includes a moratorium that stipulates that after the planning phase and before any final decision is made by the Board of Management, discussions must be held with the employee representatives concerning any staff reductions. These discussions have already begun.

This release contains forward-looking statements that reflect the current views of the Deutsche Telekom management with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore too much reliance should not be placed on them. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and are generally beyond Deutsche Telekom's control, including those described in the sections "Forward-Looking Statements" and

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This release contains financial information that has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, or IFRS, and on the basis of the new strategic business areas. The IFRS financial information contained in this report was prepared on the basis of the assumption that, with the exceptions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and IFRIC 3 Emission Rights, all existing standards and interpretations that have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) will be fully endorsed by the EU. The accounting policy for financial instruments takes into account the proposed EU revisions to IAS 39 and complies with the amended IAS 39. IFRIC 3 is not relevant for Deutsche Telekom. Subject to EU endorsement of outstanding standards and no further changes from the IASB, the information presented here is expected to form the basis for reporting Deutsche Telekom's financial results for 2005, and for subsequent reporting periods. However, Deutsche Telekom cannot assure you that there will not be material changes in IFRS between the date of this Interim Report and the first date on which Deutsche Telekom is required to publish financial statements for 2005, 2004 or 2003 under IFRS.

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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.

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