

TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A S
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the month of **August, 2005**

Commission File Number **001-15092**

TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Turkcell Plaza
Mesrutiyet Caddesi No. 153
34430 Tepebasi
Istanbul, Turkey**
(Address of principal executive offices)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**TURKCELL ANNOUNCES THE PAYMENT OF \$400 MILLION IN CONNECTION
WITH THE 12.75% SENIOR CELLCO NOTES DUE ON AUGUST 1, 2005**

Istanbul, Turkey: August 1, 2005 Turkcell (NYSE: TKC, ISE: TCELL), the leading provider of mobile communications in Turkey, announced today that it realized the payment in connection with the redemption of the aggregate principal amount of US\$400 million plus accrued interest of Cellco Finance N.V. (Cellco) s outstanding Senior Notes which matured on August 1, 2005.

In 1999, Cellco offered US\$400 million aggregate principal amount of its 12.75% Senior Notes due on August 1, 2005. The proceeds were lent to Turkcell under an Issuer Credit Loan Agreement. The net cash out for the principal and accrued interest from Turkcell under the Credit Agreement totalled US\$425.5 million on August 1, 2005.

As of August 1, 2005, Turkcell held a notional amount of US\$65 million of 12.75% Cellco notes on its balance sheet, which has been purchased in 2003 and 2004 and Turkcell will collect an interest income of US\$4.1 million related to these bonds held.

Mr. Muzaffer Akpınar, Turkcell s CEO, commented, We are glad that with the redemption of these notes, our outstanding total debt as well as our weighted average cost of borrowing will improve significantly. We will continue to maintain our focus on decreasing borrowing costs as well as extending the maturity of our loans while looking for opportunities to diversify our lending base and debt portfolio.

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About Turkcell

Turkcell is the leading GSM operator in Turkey with 25.6 million postpaid and prepaid customers. Turkcell provides high-quality wireless telephone services throughout Turkey and has coverage of 100% of the towns with more than 10,000 inhabitants. Turkcell provides roaming with 464 operators in 180 countries as of July 29, 2005. Turkcell is the only NYSE listed company in Turkey. Turkcell has interests in international GSM operations in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Northern Cyprus, which have a total of 4.2 million subscribers as of March 31, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri A.S. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S.

Date: August 1, 2005

By: /s/ Muzaffer Akpinar

Name: Muzaffer Akpinar

Title: Chief Executive Officer

