

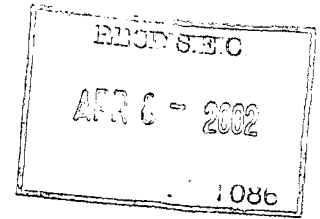
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer



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

Report on Form 6-K dated April 8, 2002

Hellenic Telecommunications Organization S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

99 Kifissias Avenue
GR 15181 Amaroussion
Athens, Greece

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover
of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the Information contained in
this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ___ No X

Enclosure: Press release dated March 8, 2002: "OTE REFUTES NEWSPAPER ARTICLE"



HELLENIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION S.A.

NEWS RELEASE

OTE REFUTES NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

ATHENS, Greece – March 8, 2002 – Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA (ASE: HTO, NYSE: OTE), the Greek full service telecommunications provider, today issued a statement refuting the content of an article published in today's issue of "Kathimerini", a Greek newspaper, regarding alleged secret arrangements with Telecom Italia and STET Hellas at the time of the acquisition of a mobile telephony license in Bulgaria.

OTE reserves its right to safeguard the interests of the company and of its shareholders.

About OTE

OTE is a provider of public, fixed switched domestic and international telephony services in Greece. With local, long distance and international communications services in addition to mobile telephony, Internet services, and high-speed data communications, OTE provides consumers and businesses the ability to communicate globally through its extensive network infrastructure. In addition, OTE has a number of International investments in the South East European region and addresses a potential customer base of 60 million people.

Listed on the **Athens Stock Exchange**, the company trades under the ticker **HTO** as well as on the **New York Stock Exchange** under the ticker **OTE**. In the U.S., OTE's American Depository Receipts (ADR's) represents ½ ordinary share.

Additional Information is also available on <http://www.ote.gr>. Email: IROffice@ote.gr

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Forward-looking statement

Any statements contained in this document that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. The factors that could affect the Company's future financial results are discussed more fully in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2000 filed with the SEC on June 29, 2001.

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.

Hellenic Telecommunications Organization S.A.

Date: April 8, 2002

By: 
Name: Dimitris Kouvatso
Title: Chief Financial Officer