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**BCE Inc.**

*(Translation of Registrant's name into English)*

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*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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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Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_.

This Form 6-K is not incorporated by reference in the registration statement filed by BCE Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Form F-3 on June 15, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12130), under Form S-8 on October 16, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12780), under Form S-8 on November 1, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12802) and under Form S-8 on November 1, 2000 (Registration No. 333-12804). Notwithstanding any reference to BCE Inc.'s Web site on the World Wide Web in the documents attached hereto, the information contained in BCE Inc.'s Web site or any other site on the World Wide Web referred to in BCE Inc.'s site is not a part of this Form 6-K and, therefore, is not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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For Immediate Release

**BCE TO OWN 100 PER CENT OF BELL CANADA**

- *Repurchase price negotiated at CDN\$6.32 billion*
- *Financial guidance maintained for 2002*
- *Annual dividend of \$1.20 unchanged*

Montréal (Québec) June 28, 2002 – BCE Inc. today announced that it has reached a negotiated agreement with SBC Communications Inc. of San Antonio, Texas, that will lead to the repurchase of SBC's 20 per cent interest in Bell Canada for CDN\$6.32 billion.

Michael Sabia, President and Chief Executive Officer of BCE said: "The decision to regain full ownership of Bell Canada indicates our confidence in the company and the opportunities we see for the future. We will go forward as a strong Canadian company in full control of our future."

Under the terms of the agreement, the initial payment for the purchase of approximately 4 per cent, will be valued at CDN\$1.33 billion and close June 28, 2002. SBC will acquire, by way of private placement, \$250 million of BCE common equity on July 15, 2002. BCE will exercise its right to purchase the remaining approximately 16 per cent valued at CDN\$4.99 billion, on or before January 3, 2003, at BCE's discretion for consideration that may include notes, cash and up to \$250 million of BCE common stock. A subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation, now owned by SBC Communications, had purchased a 20 per cent interest in Bell Canada in June 1999, for CDN\$5.1 billion.

"We believe the purchase price represents fair value to both companies. BCE can finance the repurchase while maintaining the financial strength of our balance sheet and the integrity of our capital structure. Most importantly, we will complete the repurchase within our 2002 financial guidance while maintaining our current dividend," added Mr. Sabia.

BCE will also purchase, at face value, on or before December 31, 2004, CDN\$314 million of inter-company notes previously purchased by SBC as part of the privatization of Bell Mobility.

Interim financing for the transaction is as follows:

- BCE has arranged through Bank of Montreal, a two-year bank facility for CDN\$3.3 billion with a syndicate of North American banks.
- BCE can issue promissory notes to SBC up to a total of CDN\$3.5 billion, for a period of up to 18 months from the issue date.

BCE intends to secure permanent financing for this transaction as follows:

- A common equity issue in the range of CDN\$1.0 billion and CDN\$1.5 billion in addition to the private placements to SBC of up to CDN\$500 million.
- Public debt issues in the range of CDN\$2.0 billion to CDN\$2.5 billion.
- Partial proceeds from a sale or securitization of Bell Canada's directories business. A substantial amount of the proceeds will remain at Bell. Depending on the option implemented, BCE will access, at fair value from Bell, between CDN\$1.0 billion to CDN\$2.0 billion.

*(Editor's Note: See more details in "Transaction Overview" backgrounder.)*

Following a review of these transactions with the rating agencies, BCE expects that it will maintain strong investment grade credit ratings in line with its financial objectives of maintaining financial flexibility and a strong balance sheet.

"Gaining full ownership of our core asset is another major step for BCE's ongoing efforts to diminish uncertainty and focus our operations," said Michael Sabia, "We now have greater flexibility to manoeuvre and we will continue to regularly assess our strategy to maintain momentum and build value."

SBC and Bell Canada intend to continue their on-going cooperation in numerous areas which may include traffic, specialized services, joint purchasing and exchange of technology.

Concluded Mr. Sabia, "We have enjoyed a positive and beneficial relationship with SBC and we are pleased that this relationship will continue in the future."

This press release does not constitute an offer of any securities for sale.

#### **About BCE**

BCE is Canada's largest communications company. It has 23 million customer connections through the wireline, wireless, data/Internet and satellite services it provides, largely under the Bell brand.

BCE leverages those connections with extensive content creation capabilities through Bell Globemedia which features some of the strongest brands in the industry — CTV, Canada's leading private broadcaster, The Globe and Mail, Canada's National Newspaper and Sympatico-Lycos, the leading Canadian Internet portal. As well, BCE has extensive e-commerce capabilities provided under the BCE Emergis brand. BCE shares are listed in Canada, the United States and Europe.

**Call with Financial Analysts**

BCE will hold a conference call with financial analysts beginning at 11:00 a.m. today. Media are welcome to join the call on a listen-only basis. To participate, please dial (416) 405-9328 or via an audio webcast from our Web site at [www.bce.ca](http://www.bce.ca).

A replay of the conference call with analysts can be heard between 1:00 p.m. on Friday June 28, 2002 and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2002. To access the replay facility, dial (416) 695-5800 - access code: 1204806. The audio webcast will also be archived over the same period on BCE's Web site.

**Call with Media**

BCE will also hold a conference call with the media beginning at 12:45 p.m. today. To participate, please dial 1-800-387-6216 or via an audio webcast from our Web site at [www.bce.ca](http://www.bce.ca).

**CAUTION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements made in this press release constitute forward-looking statements and are subject to important risks and uncertainties which are difficult to predict and assumptions which may prove to be inaccurate. The results or events predicted in these statements may differ materially from actual results or events. These statements do not reflect the potential impact of any dispositions, mergers, acquisitions or other transactions that may be announced or completed after the date hereof.

Other factors that could cause results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things: the failure to close the announced transaction with SBC Communications Inc. or the bank facility; the possibility of further deterioration in the state of capital markets and the telecommunications industry; the risk that BCE may not be able to carry out the expected debt or equity financings in the capital markets at attractive rates; the risk of credit rating downgrades; the ability to dispose of or otherwise monetize assets or realize tax loss monetizations; the duration and extent of the economic downturn; current negative trends in global market and economic conditions which impact the demand for, and costs of, products and services; the financial condition and credit risk of customers and uncertainties regarding collectibility of receivables; the rate of decline of prices for data and voice services; the BCE group companies' ability to develop financial, management and operating controls to manage costs and rapid change; uncertainty as to whether BCE Inc.'s strategies will yield the expected benefits, synergies and growth prospects; the intensity of competitive activity, and its resulting impact on the ability to retain existing, and attract new, customers, and the consequent impact on pricing strategies, revenues and network capacity; the level of expenditures necessary to expand operations, increase the number of customers, provide new services, build and update networks and maintain or improve quality of service; the availability and cost of capital required to fund capital and other expenditures; the Internet economy growing at a slower pace than is currently anticipated; the ability to deploy new technologies and offer new products and services rapidly and achieve market acceptance thereof; stock market volatility; the availability of, and ability to retain, key personnel; the impact of adverse changes in laws or regulations or of adverse regulatory initiatives or proceedings, including the fact that the

CRTC price caps decision is subject to appeal; the ability of BCE Emergis Inc. to successfully implement its plan to focus on key growth areas, drive recurring revenue growth and streamline its service offerings and operating costs; and the final outcome of pending or future litigation.

For additional information with respect to certain of these and other factors, refer to BCE Inc.'s filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under Forms 40-F and 6-K and to BCE Inc.'s filings with the Canadian securities commissions. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release represent the expectations of BCE Inc. as of June 28, 2002 and, accordingly, are subject to change after such date. However, BCE Inc. disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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**SBC - BELL 20% REPURCHASE BY BCE**  
**Background Information: Transaction Overview**

OVERVIEW

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
June 28, 2002	Acquisition of 4.2% stake in Bell Canada Holdings	\$1.33 billion payable on July 15, 2002
On or before January 3, 2003 (at BCE's option)	Remaining 15.8% stake in Bell Canada Holdings acquired	\$4.99 billion
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6.32 billion</b>
On or before December 31, 2004	Equity-settled notes to be purchased	\$314 million

INTERIM FINANCING PLAN

DATE AVAILABLE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
July 15, 2002	Two-year bank facility	\$3.3 billion
On or before January 3, 2003 (at BCE's option)	SBC promissory notes	Up to \$3.5 billion
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6.8 billion</b>

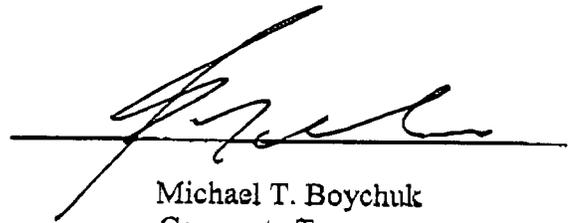
PERMANENT FINANCING STRUCTURE

TIMEFRAME	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
July 15, 2002	Common equity issue to SBC	\$250 million
On or before January 3, 2003 (at BCE's option)	Common equity issue to SBC	Up to \$250 million
Target 2002	Common equity issue to public	\$1.0 to \$1.5 billion
3rd quarter, 2002	Directories Transaction	\$1.0 to \$2.0 billion (portions of proceeds flowed to BCE)
Target 2002	Long-term public debt	\$2.0 to \$2.5 billion
2002 to 2004	Internally generated sources	\$1.0 to \$1.5 billion
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5.5 to \$8.0 billion</b>

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**BCE Inc.**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Boychuk", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Michael T. Boychuk  
Corporate Treasurer

Date: June 28, 2002