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

For the month of **October, 2005**

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TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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TURKCELL S Q3 NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS REACHES 26.7 MILLION

Istanbul, Turkey: October 6, 2005 Turkcell (NYSE: TKC, ISE: TCELL), the leading provider of mobile communications in Turkey, announced today that its total number of subscribers reached 26.7 million as of the end of the third quarter of 2005 up from 25.6 million in the second quarter of 2005, along with an increase of 4.3%. The growth in subscriber base compared to the third quarter of 2004 was realized at 19.7%.

In the third quarter of 2005, post-paid subscribers totalled 5.3 million and prepaid subscribers amounted to 21.4 million. On the back of a relative slowdown in domestic demand compared to the first half of the year, the number of net new additions to Turkcell s subscriber base during the third quarter was realized at 1,132,000. Of the total gross new subscribers acquired in the third quarter of 2005; 10% were post paid and the remaining 90% were pre-paid.

In the third quarter of 2005, Turkcell s churn rate remained nearly flat at 2.5% levels compared to 2.6% in the second quarter of 2005. The churn rate in the third quarter of 2004 stood at 1.95% due to a milder competitive environment.

Mr. Muzaffer Akpinar, Turkcell s CEO, commented We are glad that the growth in our market continued during the third quarter, though at a slower pace, in line with our projections for the year. Accordingly, net additions during the quarter were in line with our expectations. Our intention remains to maintain our market leadership in our changing competitive landscape while sustaining a balance with our bottom line objectives. With this in mind, we continue our Better Value for Money approach to effectively retain our subscriber base while increasing usage and penetration of our services.

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About Turkcell

Turkcell is the leading GSM operator in Turkey with 26.7 million postpaid and prepaid customers as of September 30, 2005. 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 467 operators in 180 countries as of September 21, 2005. Turkcell is the only NYSE listed company in Turkey. Turkcell has interests in international GSM operations in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Northern Cyprus and Ukraine.

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